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OF THE

SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

STATE CONVENTION

OF THE

BAPTIST DENOMINATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA,

HELD WITH THE

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DARLINGTON, S. C.,

NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 4, 1898.

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OFFICERS, 1898–99.

PRESIDENT,

W. D. RICE, - - - - - - - - - - Denmark, S. C.

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C. P. ERVIN, - - - - - - - - - - Wellford, S. C.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY,

A. T. JAMISON, - - - - - - - - - Camden, S. C.

NEXT MEETING.

Place—Gaffney. *Time*—Wednesday before the first Sunday in December, 1899, at 8 P. M. *Preacher*—H. C Buchholz or W. T. Tate.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Location—Greenville, S. C.

C. S. Gardner President; W. C. Lindsay, Vice President; H. T. Cook, Auditor; T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Location—Greenville, S. C.

W. J. Langston, President; V. I. Masters, Secretary and Treasurer.

BOARD OF AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Location—Sumter, S. C.

C. C. Brown, Secretary; D. W. Cuttino, Treasurer.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONNIE MAXWELL ORPHANAGE.

S. B. Ezell, President; A. B. Stallworth, Secretary; J. L. Vass, Superintendent, Greenwood, S. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. D. Winchester, A. C. Osborn, W. J. Langston, W. E. Thayer, R. T. Marsh.

HOME MISSIONS—W. A. Pearson, R. W. Sanders, T. V. Walsh, J. E. Covington, R. J. Blackmon.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—C. S. Gardner, A. D. Woodle, F. O. S. Curtis, W. E. Johnson, A. C. Wilkins.

EDUCATION—A. P. Montague, C. P. Ervin, J. W. Gaines, A. J. S. Thomas, W. C. Coker.

TEMPERANCE—D. M. Ramsey, R. W. Sanders, G. C. Bundick, Rufus Ford, C. T. Scaife.

OBITUARIES—J. W. Perry, Chairman; T. H. Plemmons, E. E. Bomar, T. P Lide, J. W. Shelor, F. C. Hickson, J. H. Yarborough, E. J. Kennedy, R. S. Williams, W. S. B. Ford, L. R. Gwaltney, L. T. Carroll, J. I. Ayres, D. W. Key, J. B. Parrott, H. D. Grainger, J. S. Croxton, J. S. M. Finch, C. J. Owens, J. I. Allen, J. F. Singleton, G. A. Wright, John Lake, M. McGee, M. A. Connors, J. T. Morrison, A. E. C. Pittman, W. P. Smith, W. E. G. Humphries, C. L. Dowell, J. D. Robertson, Asa West.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

FIRST CHURCH, DARLINGTON, S. C.

The State Convention of Baptists in South Carolina, in its seventy-eighth session, met in the First church, Darlington, S. C., Wednesday, November 30, at 8 o'clock P. M., and the body was called to order by President J. H. Hudson.

The Convention sermon was preached by E. E. Bomar. Theme: God's Grant to us, and its Realization. Text, 2 Peter 1 : 2-5 : "Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord ; seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue; whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. Yea, and for this very cause, adding on your part all diligence."

The President declining re-election, Zimmerman Davis was nominated by H. C. Buchholz, and W. D. Rice by A. C. Wilkins. The chair appointed the following tellers: N. N. Burton, A. J. S. Thomas, J. J. Lawton, J. D. Huggins, R. N Howle.

Pending the count, on motion of C. C. Brown, D. W. Key cast the ballot of the Convention for the election of C. P. Ervin as Secretary and A. T. Jamison as Assistant Secretary.

By request, the Convention was led in prayer by W. D. Rice on behalf of D. H. Crosland, Orangeburg, and G. G. Wells, Greenville, who were reported to be sick.

The tellers announced the election of W. D. Rice as President, and after brief appropriate remarks by J. H. Hudson

and W. D. Rice, the latter took his seat and announced that the body was ready for business.

On motion of J. W. Shelor, the unanimous ballot of the body was cast by T. M. Bailey for Zimmerman Davis as Treasurer.

On motion of E. E. Bomar, the ballot was cast by V. I. Masters for C. T. Scaife and E. J. Forrester as Vice Presidents.

On motion of C. C. Brown, the chair appointed a Committee on Order of Business, viz.: J. D. Robertson, G. A. Wright, J. D. Pitts, R. N. Pratt, W. E. Thayer.

By motion, the time for reassembling tomorrow morning was fixed at 10 o'clock.

Unanimous consent was asked by A. P. Montague that immediately after devotional exercises tomorrow morning, time be allowed to prepare for the election of the Board of Trustees for Furman University and Greenville Female College. It was granted.

The following visiting brethren were given the usual welcome: E. C. Dargan, T. A. Reid, J. Q. Adams, T. P. Bell, J. M. Frost. And several brethren who had recently come into the State were called forward and presented to the body.

On motion of E. T. Atkinson, the Convention adjourned after prayer by J. L. Ouzts.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 10 o'clock, and after devotional exercises led by W. S. B. Ford, the Minutes were read and approved.

The following visiting brethren were recognized: A. E. Dickinson, R. J. Willingham, R. H. Pitt, R. W. Weaver.

An address of welcome was made by R. W. Lide, pastor of First church, and was responded to by A. P. Montague.

The Committee on Order of Business submitted, through J.

D. Robertson, a partial report, which was adopted as follows :

THURSDAY MORNING.

10.00-10.30—Devotional Exercises.
10.30-10.45—Preparation to Nominate Trustees of Furman University.
10.45-11.15—Presentation of Board Reports.
11.15-12.00—Ministerial Education.
12.00-12.45—Aged Ministers' Relief.
12.45-1.30—Sunday School Board.
1.30-2.00—Miscellaneous.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7.30—Furman University and Greenville Female College.

On motion of A. P. Montague, the chair appointed a committee of one from each Association to nominate twenty-five Trustees for Furman University and Greenville Female College. The committee is as follows : T. M. Bailey, chairman ; E. E. Bomar, G. W. Gardner, Wm. Haynsworth, F. C. Hickson, Simeon Hyde, H. C. Buchholz, E. J. Kennedy, J. B. Bozeman, J. T. Littlejohn, A. E. C. Pittman, W. M. Waters, J. W. Perry, E. A. McDowell, J. H. Crosby, H. D. Grainger, Asa West, A. H. Martin, E. P. Easterling, R. T. Marsh, J. D. Winchester, J. F. Singleton, B. J. Woodward, G. C. Bundick, A. C. Wilkins, J. L. Ouzts, J. R. Leavell, Sr., J. S. Croxton.

The report of the Executive Board was read by T. M. Bailey, and on motion of A. McA. Pittman, it was referred to a committee appointed by the chair, as follows : Zimmerman Davis, D. J. Bradham, B. P. Robertson, G. B. Buell, J. I. Allen.

The report of the Aged Ministers' Relief Board was read by C. C. Brown, and on motion of J. A. Brown, it was referred to the following committee appointed by the chair : D. M. Ramsey, L. T. Carroll, J. B. Patrick, B. E. Geer, J. W. Blanton.

The report of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage and report of Treasurer were read by J. L. Vass, Superintendent and Treasurer, and on motion of B. P. Robertson, the reports were referred to a committee appointed by the chair, as follows : J. H. Montgomery, L. F. Dorn, J. S. Croxton, R. Ford, C. C. Vaughan.

Resolutions were offered by A. McA. Pittman, relative to affairs of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, and upon a substitute being offered by C. T. Scaife, on motion of B. E. Boney, 10.30 o'clock Friday morning was made the special order for the consideration of the matter.

On motion of J. J. Lawton, the pastor and deacons of First church, Darlington, were appointed a Committee on Religious Services.

The hymn, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound," was sung.

The Committee on Nomination of University Trustees requesting the presence of President Montague, on motion of H. R. Moseley, A. P. Montague and M. M. Riley were requested to meet the committee.

A telegram from the Gaffney Business Men's Association, inviting the Convention to meet at Gaffney in 1899, was read by the Clerk.

Editorial brethren, R. H. Pitt, of the Religious Herald, T. P. Bell, of the Christian Index, and A. E. Dickinson, of the Religious Herald, addressed the body by invitation.

The following resolution was offered by J. W. Blanton and adopted :

The Convention having received from the business men of Gaffney a telegram cordially inviting this body to meet in said city during the year 1899, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we tender our thanks to the business men of Gaffney for their cordial invitation and that their kind invitation be respectfully referred to our Committee on Time and Place for consideration in connection with other invitations.

The report of Board of Ministerial Education and the Treasurer's report were read by D. W. Key, and on motion of R. W. Lide, the reports were referred to a committee, which was appointed by the chair, as follows : J. H. Hudson, Zimmerman Davis, J. J. Lawton, C. K. Henderson, J. L. Coker.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by J. A. Brown, and on motion of J. D. Huggins, after address by J. M. Frost, Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the report was adopted.

On motion of J. D. Huggins, the Convention adjourned after prayer by W. E. Thayer to meet at 7.30 P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7.30 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by J. B. Parrott.

The Committee on Order of Business reported through J. D. Robertson, and on motion of G. W. Gardner, the report was recommitted.

The Committee to Nominate new Board of Trustees for Furman University and Greenville Female College reported through T. M. Bailey, and on motion of A. J. S. Thomas, the report was unanimously adopted as appended and the brethren named therein elected.

The report on Education was read by F. N. K. Bailey, and R. W. Lide moved its adoption. The Convention joined in singing, "How firm a foundation," after which A. P. Montague addressed the Convention on the subject of Furman University, and raised a collection in pledges and cash of $4,105.00 for the purpose of completing the amount necessary to build Alumni Hall. The report was then adopted.

The Committee on Order of Business made a further partial report through J. D. Robertson, which was adopted as follows:

FRIDAY MORNING.

10.00–10.20—Devotional Exercises.
10.20–11.00—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
11.00–12.30—Foreign Missions.
12.30–12.50—American Baptist Publication Society.
12.50– 2.00—Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

FRIDAY EVENING.

7.30—State Missions.

A Committee on Time and Place for Next Meeting and Person to Preach was announced as follows: O. L. Martin, H. C. Bethea, W. M. Graham, L. M. Rice, E. T. Atkinson.

A resolution was offered by J. I. Ayres, and on motion of C. C. Brown, was adopted as follows:

Realizing the need of better organization in our church work and more thorough development of our Sunday schools, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this Convention to plan and arrange for a Sunday School Chautauqua to be held during the coming year.

R. W. Weaver, representing the Seminary Magazine and the Baptist Argus of Louisville, Ky., was presented to the body.

The Convention, on motion, adjourned with prayer by Rufus Ford.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 10 o'clock, and after devotional exercises led by W. E. Thayer, proceeded to business.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The chair announced the following committees :

1. Committee to Nominate Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage—O. L. Martin, W. T. Derieux, C. M. Billings, J. S. Croxton, G. A. Wright.

2. To Nominate Delegates to American Baptist Education Society—H. R. Moseley, H. T. Cook, B. M. Foreman, F. M. Satterwhite, J. E. Johnson

3. To Nominate Board of Ministerial Education—J. D. Huggins, J. B. Bozeman, F. N. K. Bailey, E. A. McDowell, V. I. Masters.

4. To Nominate Executive Board—R. A. Sublett, E. C. Watson, J. R. Aiken, B. P. Robertson, T. P. Lide.

A paper relative to an address on Mormonism, by A. C. Osborn, was read by A. C. Wilkins, and it was adopted as appended.

Professor E. C. Dargan, Treasurer of the Students' Fund, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, addressed the Convention and raised a collection in cash and pledges of $900 for that fund.

A telegram having been received from J. H. Morgan, Greenville, declining to serve as trustee of Furman University, T. Q. Donaldson and W. J. Langston were nominated for the vacancy, and the matter was referred to the nominating committee.

Brethren H. S. Hartzog, President of Clemson College, and R. G. Patrick, President of Judson Institute, Alabama, were recognized with the usual welcome.

The chair appointed C. L. Dowell to make a report on Woman's Work for this session.

A Committee on Baptist Sunday School Chautauqua was appointed by the chair as follows: J. I. Ayres, C. C. Brown, R. E. Peele.

A telegram from South Carolina students in Seminary was read: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not." 1 John 3:1. C. S. Gardner was appointed to respond.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by O. L. Martin. Its adoption was moved by A. McA. Pittman. "The morning light is breaking," was sung. D. W. Key led in prayer. The missionary hymn was sung. W. J. Langston led in prayer. Addresses were made by O. L. Martin and E. E. Bomar, and the hymn, "Oh, for a closer walk," was sung. R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary Foreign Mission Board, led in prayer and addressed the Convention. Prayer was offered by G. A. Wright, and the report was adopted.

The Convention was addressed by W. C. Luther, representing the American Baptist Publication Society.

The Committee to whom were referred the Trustees' and Treasurer's reports of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, reported through Rufus Ford, and the report was adopted as appended.

A letter from Dr. J. C. Maxwell, resigning his place on Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, was read, and on motion of E. E. Bomar, the resignation was accepted.

On motion of A. J. S. Thomas, the Convention extended its sympathy to Dr. Maxwell in his illness.

The resolutions of A. McA. Pittman relative to settlement of the Orphanage difficulties, and the substitute of C. T. Scaife on the same subject, were read, and during the ensuing discussion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7.30 o'clock, and after prayer by T. H. Garrett, proceeded to business.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees for Furman University reported the name of W. J. Langston in lieu of J. H. Morgan, and W. J. Langston was elected.

The report of the Committee to which was referred the report of the Executive Board, was read by Zimmerman Davis. Its adoption was moved, and after addresses by Simeon Hyde, H. C. Buchholz, J. B. Parrott, C. S. Gardner, and T. M. Bailey, a collection of $73.70 in cash and pledges was taken, and the report adopted.

The chair announced the following standing committees to report next year :

1. *Foreign Missions*—J. D. Winchester, A. C. Osborn, W. J. Langston, W. E. Thayer, R. T. Marsh.
2. *Home Missions*—W. A. Pearson, R. W. Sanders, T. V. Walsh, J. E. Covington, R. J. Blackmon.
3. *Sunday Schools*—C. S. Gardner, A. D. Woodle, F. O. S. Curtis, W. E. Johnson, A. C. Wilkins.
4. *Education*—A. P. Montague, C. P. Ervin, J. W. Gaines, A. J. S. Thomas, W. C. Coker.

The consideration of sundry resolutions relative to the management of Connie Maxwell Orphanage was resumed, and after discussion by W. J. Langston, W. T. Derieux, C. C. Brown, J. H. Hudson, J. D. Huggins, F. C. Hickson, A. McA. Pittman, C. T. Scaife, R. E. Peele, C. S. Gardner, N. N. Burton, D. M. Ramsey, and R. W. Sanders, the resolutions offered by C. T. Scaife were adopted as hereinafter appended.

Under the resolutions, J. L. Vass was nominated by C. C. Brown for Superintendent of the Orphanage, and there being no other nominations, nominations were closed on motion of L. C. Ezell, and on motion of the same, it was ordered that those voting in the affirmative should write the name of nominee, and those voting in the negative should write "no." The chair appointed as tellers J. D. Huggins, L. C. Ezell, D. W. Key, J. J. Lawton.

Pending the count, the Committee on Order of Business made the following report, which was adopted :

SATURDAY MORNING.

10.00–10.30—Devotional Exercises.
10.30–11.00—Report on Woman's Work.
11.00–11.30—Report on Obituaries.
11.30–12.00—Report of Aged Ministers' Relief Board.
12.00– 2.00—Miscellaneous Business.

SATURDAY EVENING.

7.30—Home Missions.

The Committee on Time and Place for Next Meeting reported through O. L. Martin, and the report was adopted :

Place—Gaffney.

Time—Wednesday before the first Sunday in December, 1899, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Person to Preach—H. C. Buchholz, or W. T. Tate.

Letters were read from F. O. S. Curtis, J. R. Leavell, Jr., and W. L. Durst, resigning as members of the Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, and the resignations were severally accepted.

On motion of C. C. Brown, the Committee to nominate new members of said Board was instructed to nominate four brethren to fill vacancies by resignation.

The chair announced the following Committee on Obituaries for 1899 : J. W. Perry, Chairman ; T. H. Plemmons, E. E. Bomar, T. P. Lide, J. W. Shelor, F. C. Hickson, J. H. Yarborough, E. J. Kennedy, R. S. Williams, W. S. B. Ford, L. R. Gwaltney, L. T. Carroll, J. I. Ayres, D. W. Key, J. B. Parrott, H. D. Grainger, J. S. Croxton, J. S. M. Finch, C. J. Owens, J. I. Allen, J. F. Singleton, G. A. Wright, John Lake, M. McGee, M. A. Connors, J. T. Morrison, A. E. C. Pittman, W. P. Smith, W. E. G. Humphries, C. L. Dowell, J. D. Robertson, Asa West.

The tellers reported the election of J. L. Vass to be Superintendent of the Orphanage. Votes, 136 ; affirmative, 89 ; negative, 47.

After prayer by J. Q. Adams, the Convention adjourned to meet Saturday morning.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 10 o'clock, and after devotional exercises conducted by J. O. Gough, proceeded to business.

The Minutes were read, amended, and approved.

The report of C. H. Judson, Convention Treasurer, was read by T. M. Bailey, and it was adopted.

The chair requested A. C. Wilkins to communicate with Methodist Conference relative to A. C. Osborn's sermon on Mormonism.

The report of the Central Committee on Woman's Work was read by C. L. Dowell, and its adoption was moved by J. D. Huggins. Remarks were made by C. L. Dowell, C. S. Gardner, J. H. Hudson, T. P. Bell, E. C. Dargan, and T. A. Reid, and the report was adopted.

Brethren D. M. Fulton, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and R. A. Child, pastor of the Methodist church, were presented to the Convention.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Executive Board was presented by R. A. Sublett, and it was adopted as appended.

The Committee to Nominate Board of Ministerial Education reported through F. N. K. Bailey, and, after amendment, the report was adopted as follows: W. J. Langston, President; V. I. Masters, Secretary and Treasurer; R. W. Sanders, L. R. Gwaltney, J. D. Huggins, F. C. Hickson, Wm. Goldsmith, C. S. Gardner, F. P. Covington, J. A. Brown, Zimmerman Davis, B. J. Woodward.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage was presented by O. L. Martin, and was adopted as appended.

The report on Obituaries was read by J. W. Perry. Its adoption was moved by A. C. Wilkins, and on request, W. D. Rice spoke briefly concerning J. G. Williams, deceased. On motion, the Secretary was permitted to omit publication of

the historical tables in Minutes of 1898, to make room for obituary report, which was adopted.

The report of Committee to Nominate Delegates to American Baptist Education Society was presented by H. R. Moseley, and adopted as follows: A. P. Montague, W. C. Lindsay, C. S. Gardner, H. C. Buchholz, A. J. S. Thomas.

The report on the report of Aged Ministers' Relief Board was read by D. M. Ramsey, and after remarks by D. M. Ramsey, C. C. Brown, and D. W. Key, a collection of $21.73 was raised, and the report was adopted.

The report on Religious Services for Sunday was read by R. W. Lide.

The report on the report of the Board of Ministerial Education was presented by J. H. Hudson. Its adoption was moved by W. T. Derieux, and after remarks by D. W. Key, C. S. Gardner, W. J. Langston, and J. H. Hudson, it was adopted as appended.

A communication from the American Anti-Saloon League was read, and on motion of C. P. Ervin, it was received as information.

A verbal report was made by C. C. Brown for the committee appointed in 1897 to secure lower railroad rates, that nothing could be accomplished.

A verbal report was made by C. C. Brown for committee appointed in 1897, relative to the establishment by the State of a Reformatory for Youthful Criminals, to the effect that steps had been taken to have a bill on the subject presented to the next Legislature.

On motion of R. W. Sanders, after amendment by D. M. Ramsey, a standing committee on Temperance was appointed by the chair as follows: D. M. Ramsey, R. W. Sanders, G. C. Bundick, Rufus Ford, C. T. Scaife.

A resolution was offered by C. P. Ervin, that the chair appoint a committee of three to present to the next Convention a revision of the Constitution and Rules to accord with the present usages of the Convention. On adoption, the chair named the following as the committee: E. J. Forrester, O. L. Martin, D. W. Key.

After prayer by E. A. McDowell, the Convention adjourned to meet at 7.30 P. M.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7.30 o'clock, and after prayer by E. S. Reaves, and singing, "My faith looks up to thee," the body proceeded to business.

The report on Home Missions was read by C. C. Brown. T. P. Bell, representing the Home Mission Board, R. W. Sanders and A. C. Wilkins addressed the Convention, and it joined in singing, "My country, 'tis of thee," after which the report was adopted.

A motion was made by A. C. Wilkins that C. P. Ervin be elected Statistical Secretary at a salary of fifty dollars.

The following resolution was offered by A. C. Wilkins, and after brief discussion, was adopted:

Resolved, That 2,000 copies of the Minutes of this Convention be published and distributed by the Secretary, and that he draw on the Treasurer of the State Mission Board, of the Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, of the Board of Ministerial Education, of the Board of Aged Ministers' Relief, and of the Board of Trustees of Furman University and Greenville Female College, for funds to meet the expenses of the same, prorating the amount among the Boards according to reported receipts for the year.

The following resolution, offered by C. T. Scaife, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention extend its warmest thanks to the First Baptist church, the churches of other denominations in Darlington, and the citizens in its vicinity, for their kind and bountiful entertainment; to the Presbyterian and the Episcopal churches for the use of their buildings, to the Darlington Guards for like courtesies, and to the pages for their services, to the press for its reports, and to the railroads for considerate favors.

A letter from D. J. Jenkins, President Orphan Aid Society, Charleston, was read. Thanks were therein expressed for past favors, and in response to the appeal a collection of $8.77 was raised for the object.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A motion made by W. T. Derieux, directed the body to meet, when adjourned, after the regular worship on Sunday evening.

After prayer by W. P. Smith, the body was adjourned to meet at that time.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION.

After preaching by C. S. Gardner, the Convention reassembled, and the Minutes of Saturday evening's session were read, amended and approved.

A collection was taken for the benefit of Memorial church, St. George's, S. C., after remarks by J. H. Stoudenmire, pastor, and D. M. Ramsey. Amount, $22.91.

After brief addresses by President W. D. Rice, R. W. Lide, N. N. Burton, the hymn, "Rock of ages," was sung, the parting hand was given, prayer was offered by N. N. Burton, and the Convention was, on motion, declared to be adjourned.

W. D. RICE, President.

C. P. ERVIN, Secretary.

A. T. JAMISON, Assistant Secretary.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Abbeville—7.
J. A. Brown.
F. O. S. Curtis.
E. J. Forrester.
T. H. Plemmons.
J. L. Vass.
A. D. Woodle.
G. W. Gardner.

Aiken—3.
E. E. Bomar.
C. K. Henderson.
T. E. Seago.

Barnwell—7.
Wm. Haynsworth.
J. D. Huggins.
T. P. Lide.
W. D. Rice.
T. J. Sandifer.
W. L. Merritt.
W. H. Kennedy.

Beaverdam—1.
J. W. Shelor.

Broad River—1.
F. C. Hickson.

Chester—4.
H. C. Buchholz.
J. H. Yarborough.
E. T. Atkinson.
T. N. Berry.

Charleston—8.
W. S. Dorset.
D. M. Ramsey.
Zimmerman Davis.
Simeon Hyde.
G. B Buell.
W. A. Pearson.
J. H. Stoudenmire.
W. S. B. Ford.

Chesterfield—1.
E. J. Kennedy.

Colleton—1.
J. B. Bozeman.

Edgefield—3.
L. F. Dorn.
J. T. Littlejohn.
F. N. K. Bailey.

Fairfield—6.
A. C. Osborn.
R. N. Pratt.
L. T. Carroll.
E. A. McDowell.
N. W. Brooker.
Winthrop Williams.

Edisto—

Florence—11.
J. I. Ayres.
H. R. Moseley.
F. P. Covington.
T. J. Rooke.
H. E. C. Fountain.
B. Rutledge.
E. Gee.
W. M. Waters.
J. J. Cox.
A. B. Cannady.
J. E. Pettigrew.

Greenville—11.
T. M. Bailey.
C. S. Gardner.
D. W. Key.
V. I. Masters.
A. P. Montague.
B. E. Geer.
A. J. S. Thomas.
W. J. Langston.
C. A. Smith.
S. A. Mims.
H. T. Cook.

Honea Path Church—1.
R. W. Sanders.

Laurens—3.
J. B. Parrott.
J. D. Pitts.
A. H. Martin.

Lake Swamp—1.
H. D. Grainger.

Moriah—2.
J. S. Croxton.
R. E. Small.

North Greenville—1.
J. S. M. Finch.

Orangeburg—3.
J. D. Winchester.
B. M. Foreman.
C. J. Owens.

Pee Dee—10.
[illegible] P. Easterling.
J. H. Hudson.
R. Ford.
F. M. Satterwhite.
N. N. Burton.
C. A. Jones.
W. A. Humphrey.
A. S. Buyck.
J. I. Allen.
W. V. Allen.

Piedmont—1.
J. F. Singleton.

Reedy River—6.
J. W. Blanton.
G. A. Wright.
J. R. Leavell, Sr.
I. H. Hunt.
J. E. Johnson.
James McIntosh.

Ridge—3.
John Lake.
W. E. Thayer.
A. C. Wilkins.

Saluda—4.
O. L. Martin.
J. T. Cox.
J. B. Patrick.
M. McGee.

Santee—15.
C. C. Brown.
M. A. Connors.
A. T. Jamison.
R. T. Marsh.
T. H. Edwards.
J. O. Gough.
W. M. Graham.
C. M. Billings.
T. V. Walsh.
E. C. Haynsworth.
R. A. Sublett.
C. L. Cuttino.
D. J Bradham.
H. C. Bethea.
C. S. James.

Spartanburg—15.
J. E. Covington.
W. T. Derieux.
C. P. Ervin.
S. B. Ezell.
L. C. Ezell.
J. L. Ouzts.
C. T. Scaife.
A. B. Stallworth.
E. C. Watson.
A. B. Woodruff.
J. R. Aiken.
W. P. Smith.
R. B. Monk.
J. H. Montgomery.
B. P. Robertson.

Southeast—4.
A. McA. Pittman.
A. E. C. Pittman.
Edwin Harper.
W. R. Furman.

Savannah River—1.
G. C. Bundick.

Union County—5.
J. H. Crosby.
L. M. Rice.
W. E. G. Humphries.
T. H. Garrett.
S. L. Crosby.

Welsh Neck—26.
C. L. Dowell.
J. W. Perry.
J. W. Blackman.
J. J. Lawton.
R. W. Lide.
J. T. Rogers.
R. E Peele.
C. C. Vaughan.
Thos. Henderson.
R. N. Howle.
M. T. Lide.
W. C. Coker.
A. C. Coggeshall.
T. H. Coker.
C. B. Edwards.
G. H. Edwards.
T. H Rogers.
R. H. Rogers.
W. D. Coggeshall.
J. R. Coggeshall.
P. S. Wilds.
E. C. Lide.
N. H. Blackman.
R. M. Josey.
J. W. Gaines.
J. L. Coker.

York—4.
E. S. Reaves.
J. D. Robertson.
B. J. Woodward.
B. E. Boney.

Waccamaw—1.
Asa West.

Total, 170.

REPORTS.

Executive Board.

Location—Greenville, S. C.; C. S. Gardner, President; W. C. Lindsay, Vice President; H. T. Cook, Auditor; T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; John M. Geer, W. J. Langston, E. L. Wilkins, O. L. Martin, J. D. Pitts, W. W. Keys, Rufus Ford, C. T. Scaife, J. H. Boldridge.

Respectfully submitted. R. A. SUBLETT, for Com.

Report of Executive Board.

To the South Carolina Baptist State Convention:

At the beginning of the 78th session of this Convention, we come to give an account of our stewardship and to report what has been accomplished by your State Mission Board during the year closing with November 30th.

Our first note is one of sadness. Two of our faithful missionaries, Rev. M. J. Willoughby, and Rev. H. T. Crapse, have ceased from their labors and entered into rest. These brethren had been in the employ of your Board for years. They were earnest, efficient workmen, willing to spend and be spent for the glory of the Master and the salvation of men. They have gone to their reward and their works do follow them.

During the year 86 persons have been in the employ of the Board, 73 working as missionaries and missionary pastors, seven as missionaries and colporters, three exclusively as colporters, and three colored brethren working among their people. The labors of our missionaries have been expended in twenty-nine of our thirty-four Associations. Their names and fields of labor are as follows:

Abbeville Association—J. A. Brown, G. H. Burton, F. O. S. Curtis, G. W. Bussey, T. H. Plemmons, D. A. Swindler.

Aiken Association—Graves L. Knight, G. F. Hambleton, W. J. Plunkett.

Barnwell Association—W. G. Britton.

Beaverdam Association—J. M. Sanders.

Broad River Association—J. M. Bridges.

Charleston Association—Miss E. Y. Hyde, Aug. J. Nielsen, Simeon Hyde, E. D. Wells, W. S. Dorset, J. W. T. Givens, J. M. Kirton, J. E. Edwards, J. H. Stoudenmire.

Chester Association—M. W. Gordon.

Chesterfield Association—B. S. Funderburk, R. E. Small.

Colleton Association—A. Finch.

Edisto Association—R. A. Thomson.

Fairfield Association—M. J. Willoughby, Jabez Ferris, H. K. Ezell, R. N. Pratt, L. T. Carroll, J. E. Jones.

Florence Association—D. F. Crosland, A. E. C. Pittman.

Greenville Association—D. W. Key, J. S. McLemore.

Laurens Association—J. B. Parrott, L. C. Swindler, J. A. Martin, J. O. Martin, D. F. Ballentine.

Lexington Association—Evans Hall.

Moriah Association—Jno. S. Croxton, J. W. Little, S. N. Watson, J. B. Bozeman.

Orangeburg Association—B. M. Foreman, J. H. Sanford, S. Bishop, T. H. Garrett.

Pee Dee Association—W. A. Humphrey, E. P. Easterling.

Reedy River Association—J. D. Mahon, J. W. Blanton.

Ridge Association—M. D. Padgett.

Saluda Association—Wm. Brown, G. M. Rogers.

Santee Association—J. N. Entzminger, J. J. Myers, J. R. Smith.

Savannah River Association—H. T. Crapse, W. H. Dowling, W. D. Crosby, J. F. Morrall, Wm. Haynsworth, M. H. Shuman.

Southeast Association—W. P. Holland, A. McA. Pittman, W. D. Moorer.

Spartanburg Association—D. P. Montgomery, W. P. Smith, J. E. Rogers, C. P. Ervin, R. J. Blackmon.

Union County Association—T. H. Garrett.

Welsh Neck Association—R. E. Peele, L. E. Spencer, Thos. Henderson, C. C. Vaughan.

York Association—J. D. Robertson, E S. Reaves.

Among the colored people, H. M. Raiford general missionary; J. W. Boykin, eastern district, and E. V. Gassaway, western district. The labors of these missionaries, so far as figures can show, may be seen from the following:

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Missionaries and colporters, 86; stations occupied, 105; miles traveled, 55,162; sermons and addresses delivered, 5,313; prayer-meetings held, 1,610; religious visits made, 16,183; conversions, 988; baptisms, 572; received by letter, 643; restored to fellowship, 63; total additions to our mission churches, 1,246; total membership in churches at mission stations, 5,158; churches organized, 6; houses of worship built and dedicated, 10; Sunday schools organized, 36; number of Sunday schools at mission stations, 94; number of teachers and scholars, 5,359; contributions of Sunday schools, $495.22; collected in mission churches for State Missions, $1,034.27; for Home Missions, $149.25; for Foreign Missions, $502.39; for Orphanage, $258.61; for Aged and Infirm Ministers, $177.14; for Ministerial Education, $245.87.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

At Tucapau and Arkwright Mills in Spartanburg county; Palmetto and Providence, Chesterfield county; Second church, Darlington; and Bath, in Aiken county.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP BUILT AND DEDICATED.

Walterboro, Bath, Second church Gaffney, Summerville, Hickory Grove, Clover, Second church Anderson, White Oak, Red Dam and Indian Hill. These buildings cost $13,745.12.

CHILDREN'S CHURCHES.

During the year the children have contributed to No. 18, Southside, Columbia, $82.94, and to Children's church No. 19, at Bath, $22.98.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Special attention has been given to this important work, and considering our limited means, much good has been done. Three brethren have served exclusively as colporters. Seven others have combined colportage with missionary work, while quite a number of our pastors have been furnished with Bibles, Testaments and other religious books to dispose of among their people. The sales have amounted to 3,945 books, value for $2,040.42.

We have donated to destitute persons, to soldiers and to needy Sunday schools 280 copies of the Scriptures, value for $71.09.

We would be glad if our people could be so impressed with the importance of this work, that they would furnish the means for carrying it on more extensively.

WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The plan of co-operative work among the negroes adopted by this Convention three years ago has been faithfully carried out. Three colored brethren have been in the field all the year and have abounded in labors.

Institutes have been held regularly by each of them in their respective fields. At these institutes many of our pastors have rendered faithful and efficient service. The three missionaries report 726 sermons and addresses delivered, 4 churches organized, 4 persons baptized, and 54 received by letter. They have sold among their people 727 books, value for $352.30.

Rev. E. V. Gassaway tendered his resignation October 31, in order to accept work from the American Baptist Publication Society. He is a good man and has rendered very efficient service.

The term of three years for which we engaged to carry on this co-operative work will expire on the 30th of next April. It is with this Convention to determine the expediency of carrying on the work, and under what form.

CONCLUSION.

Our report is before you. A great and a good work has been done by your missionaries. At many of our stations, the manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence have been felt, so that many precious souls have been converted. Several churches have doubled their membership, while some others have been so strengthened that they will no longer need help from your Board.

The financial condition is not what we desire that it should be, nor what we have labored for most earnestly. The efforts made by our

churches in the early months of the year to relieve our general Boards from debt, and which your Board most heartily encouraged, caused our State work to be almost entirely forgotten. During the fall months the low price of cotton greatly depressed our people and seriously interfered with our income. Our receipts for the year are only $100 behind those of last year, and have not been sufficient to cover the year's expenses, yet taking all things into consideration, we think our people have done well.

At the close of the Conventional year a debt of $4,500 rests upon the Board. Nearly one-third of this amount is due to funds in the Board's keeping. It would be a small matter for our 95,000 people to wipe out this debt and let the Board be untrammeled to do this great work that lies out before it. We hope that the Convention will resolve to raise next year not less than $15,000 for State Missions.

C. S. GARDNER, Pres.

T. M. BAILEY, Cor. Sec.

Report on Report of Executive Board.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Board, beg leave to submit the following:

Bible and Colportage Work: Much has been accomplished in this department in the sale and gratuitous distribution of the Scriptures, but much more could be done if special and liberal contributions were made for this specific and most important work.

The Work Among the Colored People: The Board reports that the plan of co-operative work among the negroes, adopted by this Convention three years ago, has been faithfully carried out, with three colored brethren laboring in the field, who have rendered efficient service. The term of three years, for which we engaged to carry on this co-operative work, will expire on the 30th of April next. We recommend that the Executive Board be authorized to exercise their discretion as to the expediency and mode of continuing this work after that time.

It is a matter of profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father that the labors of our faithful missionaries have been so signally blest, and that the work accomplished by them, under the wise management of the Board, and by the liberal contributions of the churches, has made the past year, in many respects, the greatest and most prosperous in our history. Our work has thus become one where expansion is inevitable. The work is growing beneath our hands, and this increased growth brings with it increase of responsibility. We dare not say to the Board, "Hold, enough!" when enlarged opportunities for good providentially confront us. We, therefore, urgently recommend that we aim to place the sum of fifteen thousand dollars at the disposal of the Board for the next year, and that it be directed to apportion this sum among the associations. Should this amount be raised, the Board will be able to go forward un-

trammeled in its work, and the present indebtedness will cease to be a cause of anxiety.

We also recommend that collections for State Missions be taken in all the churches on the fourth Sunday of this month (December).

Respectfully submitted.

ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,
D. J. BRADHAM,
B. P. ROBERTSON,
J. I. ALLEN,
G. B. BUELL.
Committee.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board.

T. M. BAILEY, Treasurer, in account with the Executive Board of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention:

STATE MISSIONS.

1897.	Dr.	
To cash on hand Dec. 1		$ 33 50
1898. To cash from	Abbeville Association	340 13
	Aiken	338 32
	Barnwell	246 30
	Beaverdam	186 65
	Broad River	133 00
	Charleston	354 30
	Chester	218 76
	Chesterfield	138 93
	Colleton	129 47
	Edgefield	218 33
	Edisto	239 41
	Fairfield	220 97
	Florence	222 83
	Greenville	430 71
	North Greenville	84 09
	Laurens	327 31
	Lexington	69 60
	Moriah	138 79
	Orangeburg	262 84
	Pee Dee	387 41
	Piedmont	54 07
	Reedy River	254 56
	Ridge	288 16
	Saluda	818 72
	Santee	413 07
	Savannah River	302 61
	Southeast	233 46
	Spartanburg	630 34
	Twelve Mile River	

To Cash from Union County		$ 105 35
Waccamaw		9 00
Welsh Neck		442 93
York		154 36
Central Committee		692 49
Donation from S. S. Board		30 00
Donation from Am. B. P. Society		80 00
Interest on Mary Harley Fund		70 57
Legacy from estate of C. P. Shurley		234 40
Amt. transferred from fund for new ch. building in Charleston by permission of the donors		674 37
Borrowed from Colportage Fund		1,167 07
Total		$ 11,377 18

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

To permanent fund	$ 2987 27	
By books in hands of Colporters		$ 960 81
By books in office of Corresponding Secretary		199 12
By loan to State Missions		1167 07
By cash in bank		660 27
	$ 2987 27	$ 2987 27

COLPORTERS' SALARIES.

Dec. 1, 1897. To balance	$ 152 29	
1898. To contributions	113 43	
By amt. transferred to State Missions		$ 20 50
By cash to C. W. Salter		120 00
By cash to W. J. Plunkett		28 77
By caeh in bank		96 45
	$ 265 72	$ 265 72

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By cash paid out over receipts of 1897	$ 1399 65
By cash for Convention Minutes	95 20
Traveling expenses of Board Members	44 20
Printing and stationery	23 80
Traveling expenses Cor. Secretary	299 64
Postage	76 79
Revenue stamps	2 22
Tracts	82 10
Freight and express	35 72
By expense on cash received	1 87
By cash for telegrams	66
By Scriptures donated	71 09
By donations to needy Sunday schools	23 95
By balance of salaries for 1897	3494 59

By cash to	T. M. Bailey, Cor. Secretary	$1081 87
	G. H. Burton	31 34
	T. H. Plemmons	41 15
	G. W. Bussey	18 86
	J. A. Brown	21 16
	F. O. S. Curtis	12 50
	D. A. Swindler	17 01
	J. M. Sanders	105 21
	J. W. T. Givens	8 33
	Miss E. Y. Hyde	225 00
	W. S. Dorset	203 85
	E. D. Wells	124 28
	J. J. Myers	20 00
	M. W. Gordon	34 68
	R. E. Small	209 06
	A. Finch	79 54
	R. N. Pratt	309 40
	M. J. Willoughby	125 00
	Jabez Ferris	20 00
	H. K. Ezell	24 99
	J. E. Jones	12 00
	J. S. McLemore	251 56
	L. T. Carroll	20 83
	Evans Hall	37 75
	J. B. Parrott	34 00
	Jno. S. Croxton	20 00
	S. N. Watson	26 70
	B. M. Foreman	23 81
	S. Bishop	24 45
	W. A. Humphrey	75 00
	E. P. Easterling	33 49
	J. W. Blanton	41 80
	J. D. Mahon	88 35
	M. D. Padgett	12 80
	Wm. Brown	25 00
	J. W. Kenney	103 58
	J. N. Entzminger	25 00
	W. P. Holland	29 50
	A. McA. Pittman	14 13
	D. P. Montgomery	105 16
	W. P. Smith	46 40
	J. E. Rogers	12 42
	T. H. Garrett	74 96
	R. E. Peele	90 41
	Thos. Henderson	25 75
	L. E. Spencer	35 00
	E. S. Reaves	20 95
	Wm. H. Dowling	14 09

By cash to H. T. Crapse		$ 24 07
W. G. Britton		37 32
W. D. Crosby		11 11
M. H. Shuman		6 42
J. W. Little		5 09
L. C. Swindler		44 35
Simeon Hyde		125 00
A. J. Nielsen		50 00
J. A. Martin		15 90
J. R. Smith		23 77
J. H. Stoudenmire		48 59
J. B. Bozeman		70 56
B. S. Funderburk		25 00
Jno. D. Robertson		48 00
J. E. Edwards		53 83
J. M. Kirton		8 26
J. H. Sanford		15 36
H. C. Haddock		17 90
J. M. Bridges		27 00
C. C. Vaughan		39 90
A. E. C. Pittman		20 02
Geo. F. Hambleton		150 00
R. A. Thomson		150 00
W. D. Moorer		87 25
D. F. Crosland		125 58
R. J. Blackmon		2 00
H. M. Raiford		125 00
E. V. Gassaway		169 67
J. W. Boykin		155 16
S. J. Riddle		5 47
		$11,377 18

BUNCOMBE STREET CHURCH BUILDING.

Dec. 1, 1897. To balance	$ 33 00	
1898. To contributions	110 83	
By cash in bank		$ 143 83
	$ 143 83	$ 143 83

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH BUILDING.

To contributions	$ 82 94	
By cash to B. F. Barnes		$ 82 94
	$ 82 94	$ 82 94

BATH CHURCH BUILDING.

To contributions	$ 24 59	
By cash to G. L. Knight		$ 20 93
By cash in bank		3 66
	$ 24 59	$ 24 59

MARY HARLEY FUND.

To amt. of bequest.....	$ 900 00	
By notes of 2nd ch., Columbia, and Chesterfield.....		$ 900 00
	$ 900 00	$ 900 00

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the account of Dr. T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the South Carolina State Convention, showing receipts and expenditures to the above date, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

H. T. COOK, Auditor S. C. B. S. C.

Report of the Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

Your Board is glad to be able to say that this most worthy charity has not been forgotten by the churches, but that, more than ever before, it has seemed to claim their prayerful thought and attention. The needs of the old and worn appeal to the sympathies of all those whom Christ has taught to feel. While we have not yet accomplished all that we had hoped for, we have every reason to prosecute the work, confident that even greater results are yet to follow.

During the year now ending, we have sought to aid thirty beneficiaries. Six of these have died since the last Convention, viz.: Brethren Moseley, Crapse, Whilden and Kreps, and Sisters Brooker and Wilson. Of those now on our hands, nine are widows of deceased ministers, and fifteen belong to the veteran corps of the laid-aside. In the report of the treasurer, a statement is given of the amount paid to each; but it ought to be mentioned here that these figures stand for five payments, and not for four. Our plan has been to make a payment at the end of each quarter of the year. One payment is made on December 1st. At our last Convention, we reported a thousand dollars on hand, and the matter was so printed in the Minutes. While this statement was true, it was also true that within twenty-four hours after the Convention adjourned, that amount had been reduced nearly five hundred dollars by the payments made to beneficiaries for that quarter. In order that we may not have the semblance of excessive wealth, we have made five payments this year between the meetings of the Convention, and hereafter, our showing will only be the more exact, and the balance on hand will show how much money there is to meet the payment to be made in March.

Too much praise cannot be meted out to the good women in the churches who are sending in the larger part of the funds received. The birthday gift system may not be all that we ought to have, and there may be some system that is better; but it is the only one that avails to bring in a constant revenue from year's beginning to year's end. If the pastors of the churches would only take it in hand to give brotherly help to the more than three hundred women at work in the churches, the problem of supporting our wards would largely be solved.

Your Board appeals to all the pastors for help. There is no charity under the sun superior to this one. Our wards are not beggars. Some have preferred to suffer rather than let it be known that they had come to actual want. To the aid of these we had to come as if by stealth; but not one who was found to be in need has been turned away unhelped.

We are hoping and praying for yet greater things in the time to come. The brethren must not forget that we are not merely seeking to bring aid to the aged, but to the aged who are poor, and in many cases weak and sick, and now nearly to the border land. Our wards do not linger long on our hands. Already, in the brief time of the Board's service, twenty-one (21) have passed from the roll below to be written on the white pages of God's books above, and others must follow soon. Seven of those to whom we are making remittances are now lying upon beds of languishing, and the end is not far away. In the name of Jesus, whose work we are doing, we hope to be able to stand by their bedsides till the end comes.

May God incline the hearts of his dear children to give more freely to this great work. C. C. BROWN, Chairman.

Report on Report of the Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

1. Your Committee would recommend that the Convention decide on the request of the Board to publish the itemized statement which is a table of payments to beneficiaries, giving names and amounts paid to each.

2. We commend the methods now in use of raising the money for this Board, the unwavering zeal and patient industry and the unselfish labors prompted by a constraining affection on the part of the brethren having this work in charge.

3. We note with pleasure that the report is encouraging. During the year the sum of $1,686.46 has been received from the churches, which is reported by associations. Thirty beneficiaries have been aided. Of these, nine are widows of deceased ministers. Since our last Convention six of our wards have crossed over the river, and at this time it would seem that seven others are about to embark. With many of the others, time has not dealt gently. We should see to it that in their last days they are exempt from want and unnecessary discomfort, and that they are the recipients of tender consideration and appropriate expressions of affection.

Respectfully submitted. DAVID M. RAMSEY, for Com.

Report of Treasurer of Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

D. W. CUTTINO, in account with Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

DR.

To amount on hand last report	$1,013 30
To received from Associations: Abbeville, $66.20; Aiken, $29.05; Barnwell, $81.00; Beaverdam, $49.30; Broad River, $28.95; Charleston, $161.10; Chester, $58.00; Chesterfield, $10.06; Colleton, $19.05; Dorchester, $4.00: Edgefield, $53.05; Edisto, $13.20; Fairfield, $49.00; Florence, $56.10; Greenville, $66.00; Laurens, $66.30; Lexington, $8.05; Moriah, $46.10; North Greenville, $11.20; Orangeburg, $72.10; Pee Dee, $64.00; Piedmont, $19.65; Reedy River, $30.00; Ridge, $81.80; Saluda, $131.00; Santee, $122.90; Savannah River, $36.10; Southeast, $25.50; Spartanburg, $67.05; Twelve Mile River, $9.00; Union County, $28.20; Waccamaw, $6.50; Welsh Neck, $73.95; York, $27.00; Miscellaneous, $16.00. Total from Associations	$1,686 46
	$2,699 76

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By cash in bank	$ 279 04
By paid Miller & Lowry for printing	27 90
By paid Antietam Paper Co. for paper	11 92
By paid A. B. P. S. for Mite Barrels	1 55
By paid Keys & Thomas on printing Convention Minutes	17 25
By paid for revenue stamps	1 00
By paid postage of chairman	45 60
By paid beneficiaries	2,315 50
	$2,699 76

D. W. CUTTINO, Treas. A. M. R. Board.

I hereby certify that I have minutely examined the account of D. W. Cuttino, Treasurer of the Aged Ministers' Relief Board, and find the same correct, with all the necessary vouchers.

E. H. RHAME, Auditor.

Table of Payments to Beneficiaries.

	1897. Dec.	1898. Mar.	1898. June.	1898. Sept.	1898. Dec.
W. B. Hartin	$24 00	$24 00	$30 00	$30 00	$24 00
T. W. Mellichamp	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00
Mrs. M. E. Fewox	10 00	10 00	15 00	.....	10 00
Mrs. Susan Hill	10 00	10 00	12 50	12 50	10 00
Mrs. M. J. Cribb	12 50	12 50	12 50	12 50	12 50
W. B. Carson	.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00
L. Hall	15 00	15 00	25 00	25 00	15 00
J. G. Carter	15 00	15 00	25 00	25 00	15 00
J. M. Crain	15 00	15 00	25 00	25 00	15 00
Mrs. Wm. Brooker	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	Died.
C. A. Baynard	15 00	15 00	25 00	25 00	15 00
Mrs. R. A. Wilson	12 50	12 50	15 00	15 00	Died.
Mrs. M. J. Bryan	9 00	9 00	15 00	15 00	9 00
B. W. Whilden	18 00	Died.	.....	.....	.....
A. W. McGuffin	15 00	15 00	25 00	25 00	15 00
Mrs. Jane Hutchins	12 50	12 50	20 00	20 00	12 50
A. W. Moseley	18 00	18 00	25 00	Died.	.....
Mrs. S. E. Young	15 00	15 00	20 00	20 00	15 00
Mrs. A. M. Hoover	12 50	12 50	15 00	15 00	12 50
J. L. Barnett	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00
John A. Cooper	18 00	18 00	20 00	20 00	18 00
J. B. Davenport	18 00	18 00	20 00	20 00	18 00
Mrs. S. E. Broaddus	50 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00
W. S. Perry	.....	21 00	25 00	25 00	21 00
J. V. Kreps	.....	25 00	25 00	Died.	.....
H. T. Crapse	.....	.....	25 00	25 00	Died.
L. C. Hinton	.....	.....	.....	30 00	30 00
Mrs. E. Moseley	.....	.....	.....	15 00	15 00
J. B. Marsh	.....	.....	.....	25 00	25 00
Geo. D. Kinard	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Total					$2,315 50.

It will appear from the above that, in several cases, the June and September payments were increased. This was done in hope that we might continue to pay the larger sum; but the falling off of receipts made it necessary to return to the older and smaller figures.

Report of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

We are glad to make this, our seventh annual report. The year just passed has dealt kindly with us. Our work has prospered in every department, for which we are profoundly grateful to Almighty God.

We have now five Homes fully equipped and doing good, faithful work. Our fifth Home, completed in July last, is the kind and generous gift of Brother and Sister Terrill Smith, of Williston. These kind friends take a deep interest in our work. They rejoice greatly in this handsome and comfortable Home for our fatherless ones.

This Home is now occupied by a large and interesting family of boys. Mrs. W. P. Thomason is matron and Miss F. L. Hagood teacher. Our farmer, Mr. W. P. Thomason, also lives here.

We have received during the year eighteen children, and eleven have gone out, leaving us now one hundred and fourteen. Our children, with two or three exceptions, have had excellent health. A deep grief has fallen upon us this year in the death of one of our children. She was a bright, sweet girl, and much beloved by all. She did not die at the Orphanage. Having developed consumption, and being beyond medical skill, we sent her to the country last spring, to the home of a relative, both for the child's comfort and to prevent infection in the Orphanage. She was taken suddenly too ill to return to us, and Hattie Lou Southerland fell on sleep in Jesus Aug. 3, 1898. She was supported while here by the kind ladies of Beaufort church. With them we mourn her death.

Our school is doing good work. We have eight grades taught by three teachers. Both teachers and pupils are doing their best, and good progress is being made. The fact that some children are going out and new ones coming in constantly, keeps the greater number of our children in the lower grades. We desire very much to increase our educational facilities, both literary and technical, and this we hope now to do as rapidly as there shall be demand for advancement. Not much can be done to this end until we get our mechanical building and its equipment. We are now looking in that direction and hope soon to see this work begun.

Our farm and garden have yielded us fairly good crops this year. We have gotten about 350 bushels of corn, 7000 lbs. of fodder, 200 dozen oats, a good quantity of hay, eight bales of cotton, and a fine supply of vegetables of every kind. All this is very helpful to our children. The spiritual condition of our children is carefully looked after, and may be reported as good. They take great delight in our Sunday school and chapel services. They listen well to the preached word, and many of them give evidence of growing piety. Eight conversions have been reported this year, and others are interested. The professions of these conversions were all voluntary, no effort being made to develop them.

Our financial condition is still good; our obligations are all met for the year and a snug cash balance left in our treasury. Our income seems to have a steady growth, especially since the beginning of hard times in 1893. The following exhibit of totals for our entire existence will show this: 1891. $2,949.20; 1892, $11.261.88; 1893, $7,863.26; 1894, $8,623.51; 1895, $8,965.39; 1896, $8,995.90; 1897, $9,706.49; 1898, $11,149.65.

And all this in the hard years since 1893. Surely God has been good to us, and our people have been liberal.

What of the future? Much, very much, depends upon our faith in God, and our wise and unselfish adjustment of present and all future difficulties. May a gracious God who has so abundantly blessed us, now graciously lead us.

Oh, that every tongue, heart, and brain may be in his hand. If so, all will be well, and we shall go on to a future fraught with blessed results.

S. B. EZELL, President.

A. B. STALLWORTH, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report, Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

J. L. VASS, Treasurer of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, in account with Baptist State Convention.

1898.	DR.	
Nov. 30.	To amount brought forward from last year	$1,248 14
	Cash collections, etc	5,006 16
	Interest on Invested Funds	12 61
	Other sources	582 59
	Terrill Smith, for Smith Home	2,500 00
	Total Cash	9,349
	Contributions in Kind (estimated)	1,800 15
	Total	$11,149 65
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	By cash to five Matrons	$ 647 50
	Three Teachers	700 00
	Superintendent	1,200 00
	Farmer	75 00
	Provisions, clothing, books, etc	2,662 43
	Traveling exp. Supt., Board and Chm'n	121 60
	Postage, Printing and Stationery	75 20
	Labor	232 27
	Building and Material	1,425 57
	Repairs	113 16
	Furnishing	422 33
	Telephone	18 00
	Insurance	108 50
	Farm and garden	342 60
	Land-lease	200 00
	Printing State Convention Minutes	63 00
	Freight	113 61
	Balance in Bank	2,628 88
	Total	$11,149 65

I have examined the above account and vouchers and find them correct.

A. B. STALLWORTH, Auditor.

Report on Report of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

In considering the annual report of our Orphanage work, your Committee note, with profound gratitude to God, the following:

1. The generous gift of Brother and Sister Smith, of Williston. We make mention of this not simply because it is due these kind people, but also to commend their example to others who wish to have a memorial more enduring than a monument of brass.

2. The continued and increased contributions from our churches and Sunday schools. While we rejoice and thank God for the gift of a fifth Home, we rejoice even more in the continued and increased contributions which have come from all the people. When we consider the financially hard year and the large increase of contributions over any year in our history, we feel that the Orphanage work has been blessed of the Lord.

3. The internal working of the Orphanage. The good health, intellectual improvement, spiritual development of the children, and the sound financial policy of the Superintendent.

All of these things call for grateful hearts to God, and willing hands toward this blessed work of caring for the needy and helpless.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. MONTGOMERY.
J. S. CROXTON.
L. F. DORN.
C. C. VAUGHAN.
RUFUS FORD.

Scaife Resolutions Relative to Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

WHEREAS, the election of a Superintendent of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage has for two years, caused friction in the Board meetings; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the election of a Superintendent be taken out of the hands of the Board of Trustees and restored to the Convention.

2. That we proceed at once, by nomination and ballot in open Convention, to elect a Superintendent, whose term of office shall begin with the annual meeting of the Board in 1899, and expire with the annual meeting in 1900.

3. That his successor shall be elected in like manner, at each succeeding meeting of the Convention.

4. That in case of resignation or death, the Board shall have power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Convention.

Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

Your Committee to nominate Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage beg leave to submit the names of the following brethren for that purpose: A. B. Stallworth, W. M. Graham, G. B. Buell, W. H. Hunt, D. J. Bradham, J. R. Abney, C. B. Edwards, R. N. Pratt, D. N. Wilburn; and recommend that they be elected for a term of years, so that the entire Board shall be as follows: For three years, J. R. Abney, A. B. Stallworth, W. M. Graham, C. B. Edwards, G. B. Buell; for two years, J. N. Brown, R. B. Watson, C. P. Ervin, W. H. Hunt, R. N. Pratt; for one year, S. B. Ezell, L. T. Carroll, D. J. Bradham, D. N. Wilburn, H. H. Watkins.

Respectfully submitted. O. L. MARTIN, for Com.

Report of Board of Ministerial Education.

Last year the report of this Board to the Convention showed that but five students were being aided and that the amount promised them was only $190, all of which, and more, was in hand. This year we make quite a different showing, reporting now that sixteen students are promised help to the amount of nearly $800. This amount, as heretofore, will doubtless be necessarily increased by further applications before the session closes. The churches are making remittances to the Treasurer, Wm. Goldsmith, Jr., in such small sums that a deficit is assured before long, unless some increase of receipts can be secured. The Board is following closely the regulations given by the Convention for receiving and disbursing funds and in exercising care in the examination of students applying for aid. We recommend these young men to the churches as worthy of the small sums promised to aid each of them in prosecuting their studies this year at Furman University, and would suggest that the Convention adopt some method of raising the funds.

Respectfully submitted. D. W. KEY, President.

WM. GOLDSMITH, JR., Secretary and Treasurer.

Report on Report of Board of Ministerial Education.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board, beg leave to say that they have had the same under consideration, and report that the work done by the Board has been well done and is in every respect satisfactory. We recommend the adoption of the report, and regret that we can recommend no method of raising funds for the aid of ministerial students other than that hitherto pursued.

Respectfully submitted. J. H. HUDSON, Chm'n.

Treasurer's Report of Ministerial Education.

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH, JR., Treasurer Board Ministerial Education, Baptist State Convention of South Carolina:

1897.	DR.	
Nov. 27.	Balance cash on hand,	$4 75 43
	Contributions received from Associations:	
	Chester,	27 95
	Spartanburg,	59 22
	Laurens,	20 56
	Santee,	34 29
	Beaverdam,	3 05
	York,	11 21
	Piedmont,	5 22
	Saluda,	25 10
	Charleston,	22 55
	Barnwell,	55 93
	Abbeville,	10 21
	Union,	7 55
	Welsh Neck,	102 71
	Greenville,	38 27
	Moriah,	2 51
	Edgefield,	40
	Reedy River,	4 06
	North Greenville,	66
	Total collection, Nov., '97, to Nov. 29, '98,	$431 45
	Total amount cash on hand and received since last report	$906 88

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Paid	Tuition, Amos Clary,	$ 25 00
	Tuition, H. C. Haddock,	12 50
	Tuition, F. T. Cox,	12 50
	Tuition, W. L. Newby, $25; incid't. $10; Room rent, $10	45 00
	Board, D. E. Mellichamp, $44.22; room rent, $10; incidentals, $5.	59 22
	Tuition, J. H. Strong, $15.02; room rent, $3; incidentals, $10; board, $36.14,	64 16
	Tuition, C. L. Fowler, 12.50; room rent, $6.90; incidentals, $6.90; board, $36.20,	62 50
	Tuition, J. C. West, $25; room rent, $5; incidentals, $5; board, $20.96,	55 96
	Incidentals, J. W. Lawson,	5 00
	Tuition, G. M. Sexton,	12 50
	Room rent, W. S. Hough,	5 00
	Tuition, J. C. Hare, $12.50; board, $4.00,	16 50

Paid Tuition, J. E. Brakefield, $25; room, $5; incidentals, $7.50.	$37 50
Tuition, W. J. Wilder, 12.50; Board, $10.02,	22 52
Tuition, W. H. White, $37.50; board, $18.77,	56 27
Tuition, J. H. Ayers,	25 00
Room rent, J. E. Crim, $5; Incidentals, $5; board, $6.19,	16 19
Board. J. A. Hunter,	6 19
Board, C. H. Holland,	6 09
Tuition, T. R. Rhodes, $12.50; incidentals, $5.00,	17 50
Printing, Minutes,	7 25
Printing cards and postage,	2 09
Seminary,	20 00
Total amount paid out since last report,	$592 44
Cash on hand and in bank this day,	$314 44

Respectfully submitted. WM. GOLDSMITH, Jr.,
Treas. Board Ministerial Education.

I have examined the above account and find it correct, with proper vouchers. H. T. COOK,
Nov. 29, 1898. Auditor S. C. S. B. Convention.

Report on Education.

Never before in the history of our State has the cause of education attracted more attention than at the present time. South Carolina is provided with many grand institutions of learning, institutions that would do credit to any State. We feel justly proud of the progress that has been made in this direction. Our common schools in recent years have been greatly improved, but there is still room for much improvement in this line of work. If we expect our people to become an educated people, we must see to it that they are provided first with good primary schools. Our Christian people, by united efforts, can greatly improve our public school system. We think it the duty of every Christian man to use his influence not only to build up the public schools of our land, but also to see that Christian men and women are employed as teachers. The majority of the people of our State patronize only the public schools. This being the case, it is very important for us as individuals to do everything in our power to improve the public school system of South Carolina. We all recognize the importance of education, but do we fully recognize the importance of Christian education? Next to parents, teachers have more to do with shaping the characters of young people than any one else. We can readily see that if our children are placed under the influence of ungodly teachers what a baneful effect it will have on their after lives.

As Baptists we are blessed with several institutions that we may well

be proud of. It is with pleasure that we call your attention to the Baptist High School at Hartsville, presided over by Prof. J. W. Gaines. Also the Orangeburg Collegiate Institute, of which Prof. C. J. Owens is President. Both of these institutions are doing good work, and are now in the midst of a prosperous session. We also mention the North Greenville High School at Tigerville; the Campobello High School, Brother I. W. Wingo, Principal; the Johnston Institute, Rev. John Lake, Superintendent; and the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute at Edgefield, of which Prof. F. N. K. Bailey is the President. These schools, properly speaking, are not Baptist schools, but are under the control of and owned by Baptist brethren. These brethren should be encouraged in their undertakings. We call your special attention to our Baptist colleges: Limestone College, Greenville Female College, and Furman University, and we are glad to see that they are in a flourishing condition. These institutions have done a great deal for the Baptists of South Carolina. Their works have proven them worthy of the support of our denomination. They have sent forth, and continue to send forth, men and women who are shining lights not only in the educational world, but also in the religious world. It is the duty of every Baptist in the State to rally to these noble institutions, and give them the support that they deserve. Money is now badly needed by Furman University and the Greenville Female College. Their increasing patronage makes it necessary for them to be better equipped with apparatus, buildings, etc. At our last Convention, a movement was put on foot to raise funds for the purpose of putting up a building at Furman University to be known as the Alumni Hall. This is a movement in the right direction, and we hope our brethren throughout the State will see the importance of doing all in their power to have this building erected at once. When this is accomplished, let us continue to work until we build on the grounds of Furman University a first-class gymnasium hall. Most of the colleges in the State have already added this valuable addition to their property and we, the Baptists of South Carolina, cannot afford to let Furman University go longer without a well arranged gymnasium hall.

In conclusion, brethren, let us work more for our Baptist colleges than we ever have done in the past. Let us send them our children to educate, and let us give them our money, so that they can make the improvements that they so badly need.

Respectfully submitted. F. N. K. BAILEY, Chairman.

Trustees of Furman University.

Your Committee to Nominate a Board of Trustees for Furman University and Greenville Female College, recommend the following brethren: C. S. Gardner J. H. Morgan, D. W. Key, and J. B. Earle, Greenville; Abbeville Association, J. K. Durst, H. P. McGee; Aiken, C. K. Henderson; Barnwell, S. G. Mayfield; Broad River, J. A. Carroll; Beaverdam, J. W. Shelor; Charleston, D. M. Ramsey; Chester, H. C. Buchholz;

Edgefield, L. F. Dorn; Florence, H. R. Moseley; Fairfield, W. H. Lyles; Union, J. A. Fant; Spartanburg, J. H. Montgomery; Chesterfield, E. J. Kennedy; Welsh Neck, J. J. Lawton; Saluda, J. L. Tribble; Santee, A. T. Jamison; Reedy River, James McIntosh; Southeast, Joel E. Brunson; Ridge, A. C. Wilkins; Pee Dee, J. H. Hudson

To serve one year—J. H. Morgan, J. W. Shelor, W. H. Lyles, E. J. Kennedy, J. L. Tribble.

To serve two years—H. P. McGee, J. A. Carroll, S. G. Mayfield, Joel E. Brunson, J. H. Hudson.

To serve three years—J. B. Earle, J. K. Durst, J. A. Fant, A. T. Jamison, James McIntosh.

To serve four years—C. K. Henderson, D. W. Key, L. F. Dorn, H. R. Moseley, J. J. Lawton.

To serve five years—C. S. Gardner, D. M. Ramsey, H. C. Buchholz, J. H. Montgomery, A. C. Wilkins.

Respectfully submitted. T. M. BAILEY, for Com.

NOTE—J. H. Morgan declining, W. J Langston was elected in his stead. E. J. Kennedy has since died.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Two years ago our Foreign Mission work was struggling with a debt of $32,000. It is with great joy and satisfaction that we can now report that, by the blessings of God, the able leadership of the Secretary. Bro. Willingham, and the determined efforts of the brethren, we began this year's work free of debt and with a small balance in the treasury. May the liberality of the people so abound that there shall not be any more debt and that there shall be enlargement of the work from year to year. The only way to keep from going backward is to go forward. The Foreign Mission Board's last report to the Southern Baptist Convention was full of good cheer and helpfulness, announcing many converts on the mission fields, especially China and Brazil, and a general prosperity of the work everywhere. The call is the same that it has ever been, for more laborers for the harvest. The laborers are ready but the pecuniary needs have not been provided for. The Lord has done his work. He has blessed those on the field and raised up others for the work. The evangelization of the heathen waits for us.

The report above referred to gives 701 as the number of baptisms for the past year, $124,240 as the total receipts for the work, and 76 missionaries and 117 native assistants as the working force.

We note also as matters of special interest that the Woman's Missionary Union reported $21,633 raised for Foreign Missions last year. South Carolina is mentioned as having gratifying increase in contributions. Seven churches in Mexico and several in China are entirely self-sustaining. Brethren Entzminger, Tatum, Pinnock, and Lumbley have returned to their various fields of labor, and Bro. Greene expects to return soon.

There have been several new appointments, as follows: Bro. J. W. Lowe for China, Bro. W. H. Clarke for Japan, Bro. J. C. Dawes for

Africa, Bro. R. P. Mahon and Bro. J. S. Cheavens for Mexico. We learn from the Corresponding Secretary that things are assuming a better and more hopeful condition in Mexico. Several of the missionaries there resigned but others have been appointed as already mentioned. The Board has decided to close, at least for the present, the Madero Institute. Our Corresponding Secretary calls attention, as he has so often before, to the urgent necessity of all the pastors taking up collections in their churches for Foreign Missions, and that remittances be made to the Board regularly in order to save the heavy interest account. We beg to suggest just here as a question worth considering: Is there not some better way than the spasmodic once-a-year collection for missions for our people to follow, something like a monthly subscription, or an annual subscription, to Foreign Missions? Would it not be well to begin the work of training our people to systematic, conscientious, business-like support of Foreign Missions and prosecute it to a successful issue?

Respectfully submitted. O. L. MARTIN, for Com.

Report on Home Missions.

By consulting missionary literature we are made familiar with startling facts. In St. Louis, out of a population of 700 000, there are 4,000 white Baptists; of the 108,000 in Memphis, there are 1,600; Galveston has 60,000 inhabitants, with only 500 white Baptists; New Orleans, with 300,000, has 1,000 white Baptists. There are only 5,000 white Baptists among Florida's half a million. In the State of Louisiana there are nineteen whole parishes without a white Baptist church, and seven cities of over 20,000 each without a Baptist church, white. In Tennessee there are nine whole counties without any Baptist preaching, and twenty-nine county towns. There are two county towns without any preaching at all.

Add to all this our general knowledge of the crying needs of the frontier sections, the mountain regions, the negroes, the many cities, from Baltimore west and south, that are receiving thousands of immigrants, and the Cuban and Porto Rican fields, we have before us the field of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

To carry on the work in this vast field, the Board employed last year 467 missionaries, and received into its treasury $86,887.27. The missionaries baptized 4,739 converts, constituted 103 churches, organized 297 Sunday schools. We would earnestly recommend that this great work be presented systematically and regularly to the churches that they may have the opportunity of helping it forward with their prayers and contributions. Also, the reading of Home Mission literature, Our Home Field, and the tracts and leaflets issued from the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, Baltimore.

We need faith to carry on this great mission work. And when we reflect on the great field and the marked success with which the Lord has crowned the Home Missionary's labors, we have somewhat to inspire that faith.

Respectfully submitted. J. D. HUGGINS.

Report of Central Committee of Woman's Missionary Societies.

For the year ending Oct. 1, 1898, we have received $4,849.85. Of this amount, $4,401.93 was contributed by 209 Woman's Missionary Societies; $445.90 by sixty Children's Mission Bands, representing thirty-one Associations. $3,093.77 was appropriated to Foreign Missions; $980.63 to Home Missions, $676.93 to State Missions; $14.16 to Bible Fund of the Sunday School Board; $81.34 to postage and printing expenses of the Central Committee. Besides these cash contributions, twenty-five boxes of clothing, valued at $1,260.65, have been sent to Frontier Missionaries by the Societies. There are signs of an increase of interest in our work, and we are encouraged because of the larger number of Societies and Bands contributing, and the new Associations reached. We wish to return thanks to the pastors who have put us in correspondence with ladies in their churches, and have encouraged and helped them to organize missionary societies. We hope others will help us in the same way, for we have not yet accomplished our desire to have an active Woman's Missionary Society in every Baptist church in South Carolina.

We have urged loyalty on the part of societies to the churches, and a recognition of the fact that a Woman's Missionary Society is as much a part of the church as the Sunday school is.

We have distributed literature for the Foreign, Home, State and Sunday School Boards (including specimen copies of the Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field and Kind Words) besides our Annual Report, Annual Report of W. M. U., Programs and Envelopes for the Christmas Offering, Programs for the Week of Prayer, and for the Week of Self-Denial, and other literature bearing directly upon our own work. We will gladly furnish any or all of these to any one who will apply.

Through the courtesy of the editors, who have kindly allowed us the space, we have for some months conducted a Woman's Missionary Department in the Baptist Courier, and we hope this effort to keep the matter constantly before them, may result in bringing about, amongst the women and children of the Baptist churches of our State, a stronger and more wide-spread interest in missionary work. As editor of this department, Mrs. F. E. Wilson, of Society Hill, has been added to our local committee.

Respectfully submitted. CENTRAL COM. W. M. S.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee are of the opinion that it would be almost impossible to overestimate the importance of Sunday school work. We believe that the kind of work contemplated in the commission to teach all nations is as perfectly performed, if indeed it is not brought a little nearer the divine requirement when the gospel is taught by the best Sunday school

methods, as when it is preached from the pulpit. It was largely through this direct, personal, question-and-answer method of presenting divine truth that Christ, and afterwards the apostles and the churches of the early centuries, taught and preached the gospel. During the first four centuries of our era, while this method of inculcating truth was almost universal among Christians, the gospel gained its greatest victories. It is not without significance that, as this kind of teaching declined in Christendom, the ignorance and corruptions of the Middle Ages grew apace, while the Reformation was marked by a return, in considerable measure, to the earlier and best methods of Bible teaching. In accounting for the purer faith and more rapid progress of the Kingdom during the last three or four centuries, the Bible-school idea, which later produced the modern Sunday school, must be reckoned an important factor in the result; for the few countries which have made the fullest use of these principles in teaching the Word of God are the countries which have been most largely influenced by the Spirit and power of the gospel.

We believe that these facts should deeply impress us with the importance of the Sunday school work, and should make strong our conviction that if Christians in general, or any Christian denomination, neglect this method of Bible instruction. they will greatly suffer for their failure to use a divinely appointed and powerful means of instilling Christian truth in young and in old. It is probably true that as one of the denominations in South Carolina, our interest in Sunday schools is not less than that of the others, and not less than that of Baptists in many other States, yet it is evident that we are not coming up to the measure of our privilege and duty in this matter. Both the relative smallness of the numbers in our Sunday schools, and the difficulty of obtaining anything like complete statistics of the work, clearly indicate much indifference on the part of many. The fullest statistics that can be obtained show that about 45,000 persons, or one-half the number of the members of our churches in the State, are in our Sunday schools. These figures indicate that not more than one-third of our members are engaged in Sunday school work, a work so clearly, according to the mind of Christ, and upon which the divine favor has been so abundantly bestowed. Church membership ought to mean membership in the church Sunday school, and there is little reason for more readily excusing the absence of Christian people from the teaching service than from the preaching service of the church. Indeed, the Sunday school lesson must, from the nature of the case, offer larger results in imparting knowledge of Scripture truth than the sermon, and the preaching of the Word often fails of best effects because there is lacking on the part of the hearers that knowledge of the Word which it is the province of the church Bible school to supply.

Again, indifference to this important function and work of the church, is largely responsible for another wide-spread evil, namely, "The forsaking of the assembling of ourselves together," against which we are earnestly warned in the Scriptures. We are sometimes inclined to congratulate ourselves that in doctrine and practice we are so nearly con-

formed to the apostolic churches, but a little thought upon the subject would convince us that in this feature of our church life we are far from that model. It may be safely said that two-thirds of our churches have preaching only once a month. Probably one-half of these have Sunday schools which one out of three of the members attend From this it will appear that a large portion of our people meet in their churches for the worship of God and for religious instruction not oftener, and many not so often, as twelve times a year. This comes in sad contrast to the frequent meetings of the early churches, and largely accounts for the meager spiritual attainments, and the inactive, unfruitful lives of many professing Christians of today.

For these and other reasons your committee believe that one of the greatest needs of the churches of our time is a thorough-going revival of interest in these church schools for Bible study. Therefore unremittent effort should be made by pastors and active lay workers to urge the very great importance of this work, and every Christian's duty in regard thereto. It appears to many to be of doubtful wisdom to multiply institutes and conventions and it may not be expedient for us to have an independent State organization to represent this interest, but we are of the opinion that much more attention might be profitably given to it in our existing denominational organizations, in this Convention, in our associations, union meetings, ministers' conferences, &c. It should be much in the thoughts of our people, and have their earnest sympathies and support.

We commend to the attention of our people, as proposing a means for reaching many not now influenced by the Sunday school, the "Home Department" of this work, a plan outlined by our Sunday School Board and for which they prepare appropriate literature. This has been warmly advocated by many of those who have put it into practice.

We as a denomination should be gratified because of the excellence of the series of "helps" for our Sunday schools which are produced by our Sunday School Board and by the American Baptist Publication Society. They are as good as the best, and are almost as cheap as the cheapest. Our Sunday schools would inflict an injury upon themselves to use any others.

Respectfully submitted. J. A. BROWN, Ch'm'n.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

Your Committee on Obituaries must come before you with a longer death roll of the worthies than was reported last year. Fourteen ministers of the gospel have passed from the ranks of the church militant to the company of the church triumphant. Some of them were among the ablest and most prominent men in the denomination, and all of them served well their generation as faithful workers in their respective fields of labor. Also some of the most useful laymen of the State have passed away, though the number reported is much smaller than that of the ministers of the gospel.

REV. BAYFIELD W. WHILDEN

Died in Charleston January 19, 1898. He was born in the same city, May 29, 1819, baptized by Dr. B. Manly, Sr., was set apart to the ministry by the First church in that city on his 22d birthday. He went to China as missionary in 1848, and after several years' service on that field he returned to America in 1855. His work was mostly in this State and Georgia. He was a thoroughly conscientious Christian. From an article in the South Carolina Baptist, after his death, we take the following tribute which we most heartily endorse:

"Bro. Whilden was a dear, good brother, a warm friend and a sincere Christian, as his every deportment showed him to be a constant witness for Jesus.

He was one of the most conscientious men I knew; and his conscience, guided by faith in the teaching of God's Word, caused him to act in a way that made him conspicuous to many. His views of the observance of the Sabbath were strict, observing it in many little things not commonly regarded by others. Many incidents might be mentioned to show that he was considered eccentric in small matters of Sabbath observance. He was conscientious with regard to little duties, showing that he was not unmindful of the more important command to 'remember the Sabbath.'

"While he was an humble, earnest Christian, he was at the same time an earnest, honest Baptist, as he conceived of duty which made him appear peculiar to many of his own people. His strong conviction of Baptist principles was not generally understood by many of our churches, and made him unpopular with some. He believed in a Baptist church, and all its great teachings, and could not, with his views, fraternize with Pedobaptist churches, not that he did not believe there were Christians in these organizations, but his ideas of consistency would not allow him to make the impression that others were on an equality with Baptists, ecclesiastically. In other words, he regarded the denominations as containing 'churches of Christians,' but not 'churches of Christ,' and so not being able to depart from his convictions of what he thought right, I don't think he practiced 'pulpit affiliation.' He was a man of little policy, and his idea of duty to himself, as he conceived it to be right, was eccentricity in the view of many others, even of Baptists. He was a good and acceptable preacher and would go for miles to fill his appointments in all sorts of weather.

"He had great ideas of religious propriety, and reverence for the truth, and could not bear jesting on serious subjects. All the brethren esteemed him highly on account of his devotion to the Master's cause; and he consulted them in matters of importance, and would confide in their judgment. He was a warm personal friend, and many will miss him. Alas! my friend, farewell."

Bro. Whilden, at the request of the Baptist Historical Society of South Carolina, was engaged in preparing a history of the Baptists of the State at the time of his death. We would add that there is a brief

sketch of Bro. Whilden in Cathcart's Baptist Encyclopedia, and a fuller account of his missionary career in Dr. Tupper's first volume on Missions of the Southern Baptist Covention.

REV. JOHN G. WILLIAMS, D. D.,

Departed this life at his home in Allendale, April 22, 1893. He was born in Colleton county, Sep. 3, 1832, and was educated at Mercer and Furman. He was a preacher of the gospel about forty-seven years. His ministry was mostly within the bounds of the Barnwell and Savannah River Associations. He was an able and successful preacher, and his influence will live on for generations yet to come. Bro. Williams was a remarkable man. His strong intellect, his fine attainments, his rare good sense, his good, cheerful, genial nature, his ready wit, all conspired to make him a man of mark. While he was a favorite with all who knew him, he was loved most by those who knew him best. Those who were most closely associated with him in the Lord's work felt, and still feel, that John G. Williams was a princely man and Christian. He was a genuine, thoroughly sincere, consecrated man. From some of the tributes paid to his memory, I shall take the following from that by Rev. A. C. Wilkins in The Baptist Courier:

"Bro. Williams' pastorates have all been in the country and villages, where he has served his Master with unfaltering and exemplary fidelity, and taught the people the great doctrines of grace, which he clearly perceived and loyally held, as few have ever been able to teach them. He was possessed of marvelous power of presenting truth by means of simple, yet striking comparisons and apt, bright illustrations. His whole heart, mind, and body were generously, lovingly devoted to the ministry of the Word, which he found exquisite delight in preaching. And he was so original and sensible that he never failed to hold his audience from beginning to end.

"He commenced his ministry at Robertville, then in Beaufort now in Hampton county. There it was his privilege to stand as God's messenger before the wealthy and refined, and also before their numerous slaves for whose souls pious owners sincerely felt deep responsibility. And it is an interesting coincidence that he was pastor of the Robertville church when stricken down. His name was and will always be held in highest esteem by all the people of that section, as, indeed, of every section of the State, for he was universally admired and loved.

"During the war between the States he served as chaplain in the third regiment of the South Carolina cavalry. Since the war he has continuously spoken and written and lived for pure morality and true religion, ever an ardent advocate of primary and higher education, too. The temperance cause had in him an intense believer and hard worker. Seldom did he let an opportunity slip without striking whiskey-selling and whiskey-drinking deservedly sledge-hammer blows. He saw in whiskey the devil's strongest arm, and he hated it as he hated Satan, the deceitful adversary of God and man. He fought the evil manfully when it cost

him personal sacrifice, and before the temperance cause had as many and as effective advocates as it has now. There was a remarkable boldness in him when aroused against intemperance.

"He was one of the most companionable of men, having a bright mind well stored with knowledge, an almost inexhaustible fund of anecdotes, and a reservoir of wit and humor which never failed, except perhaps when he was sick or depressed, which was very seldom, for he was naturally of buoyant spirit. In form he was short, thick-set, corpulent. His health, until about a year ago, was vigorous and well-nigh perfect—he was physically strong, able to endure hardship. Though having to drive in many instances fifteen, twenty and thirty miles to reach his churches, neither heat, cold, nor storm prevented him from filling his appointments. Rarely would he stay over Sunday when at Association or Convention, if it was possible to reach his church, though it was a trial to leave the meeting and his brethren whom he delighted to mingle with. But he was unwilling to deprive his churches of one Sunday's services, especially as he could be with them, for the most part, but once a month. Faithful man of God he was. Oh, that we may have more like him!

"He preached some sermons that were equal to any I ever listened to. I remember one particularly on "The Throne of Grace," which was brimfull of the richest truth and was delivered with thrilling power and intense earnestness and fervent passion. His mind flashed and blazed, his imagination guided his tongue in painting graphic pictures, and his humor was transmuted into tender pathos. Who that were present can ever forget the sweet influences of his grand gospel sermon at that time?

"In the summer of '96, at commencement, Furman University conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinty, which honor he was worthy to have worn long before. Bro. Williams wrote much for the newspapers, both religious and secular; what he wrote was always entertaining and profitable. He had the power of putting things in such a way as to strike the mind and chain the attention. After the civil war he wrote a caustic piece of satire, ridiculing the follies of some well-meaning people who came among the negroes from the North hoping to elevate them. The little book is entitled, 'An Invasion of the Moon.' A few years ago he published 'De Old Plantation,' or 'Brudder Coteney's Sermons.' In this book there are fifteen sermons written in the 'Gullah or Low-Country Dialect.' These sermons, though enlivened with much humor, contain moral and religious truth of a high order. And in them is preserved, almost perfectly, the Combahee (pronounced Cumbee) negro dialect. Some titles: 'Sin, de grass ob de haht,' 'Cumbee rice feel ent de wile goose home.' 'De tetter vine Christun,' etc. Part III has 'Glimpses of a Vanished Past.'

"His last booklet, printed some two months ago by Keys & Thomas, of The Baptist Courier, which he named, 'The New Testament Pattern, or The Reason of the Baptist Faith,' is perhaps his best literary legacy left to the world. This pamphlet, having been so generally and enthu-

siastically endorsed, needs little to be said of it here. It is certainly one of the most readable and convincing little books that could be put into the hands of an inquirer.

"He was a brave soldier of the cross who fought valiantly during a long warfare and now, a victor, having laid aside his weapons, he is sitting down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of God. He rests from his labors. May his noble example of Christian manhood ever be a present stimulus to us to better living, to more fidelity and consecration to the Master whom he served so well and so long."

Bro. C. P. Ervin, in an article written shortly after the death of our brother, says:

"Bro. Williams was a man to be dearly loved by those that knew him well, and could appreciate things truly lovable. It was not due simply to his genial, kindly manner that he was lovable; but there was a purity and sincerity of character that ever kept with him and showed itself in his unaffected and simple ways. His character was a very transparent one. He kept nothing back that he was nor did he assume anything that he did not possess. He did not know how to put an icy dignity between you and himself. He was every inch a man, but he was a childlike man. And in this respect he had few equals.

"And yet with this unassuming character, he was a brainy man. His very good sense would not have allowed him to appear to be what he was not, or to throw off his true character. He never spoke without saying something that was well worth your attention. He was never dull, either in the pulpit or in private conversation. I have known more good sense to be in a short, apparently off-hand sentence of his than in the long speeches of some other men. And our brother's fine native intellect was consecrated to the simplicity of the gospel of Christ. He did not leave his hearers feeling that his sermon was harder to understand than the Scripture, but he made the truth very plain to the people, so that they had no occasion to think of the profundity of the preacher, but only of the truth of God made plain. This man could make the people understand what he undertook to explain. In this sense, he was one of the simplest of preachers, because he was one of the brainiest.

"And he was an outspoken man. One of his griefs used to be that some of his brethren seemed to him to be less outspoken than they ought to have been, especially on the subject of prohibition and temperance.

"His free speech sometimes stirred up men against him, but so did our Lord's. He loved the sinner but he hated sin, and he did not shrink from great plainless of speech. He did not ask what men would think, but he asked what the truth was, and then he delivered it to men.

"He was a staunch Baptist, but his experience as a pastor would not allow him to put the externals of church above inward piety. At times he would appear to get almost out of patience with anything like a form of godliness without the power thereof. He loved the grace of God wherever he saw it. He never let his love for God's truth do away with

his love for God's people He was valiant for the truth, but it was the whole truth. He could love Christians because he loved Christ."

Dr. W. B. Carson, in Cathcart's Encyclopedia, has a short but very true and beautiful characterization of Bro. Williams which should be read by all who desire to estimate correctly the worth of our departed brother.

REV. WILLIAM JUDSON SNIDER

Died at Elloree December 10, 1897. He was born near the place where he died, on December 3, 1831, and had spent nearly all his life in that section. He began his business career in Charleston, and for many years was a prosperous merchant at his place, where the present town of Elloree now stands. He was a faithful preacher of the gospel, and one of the most useful men in the State. He was known far and wide in the State as a man of high Christian character, and of spotless reputation. He was for years moderator of the Charleston Association, was deeply interested in the Sunday school work and was one of the originators of the Orangeburg Sunday School Convention, and was ever a leading spirit in all its enterprises for good. A good and faithful man in this life, his death is but transition to the place of rest from his labors.

REV. M. J. WILLOUGHBY

Died in Columbia some time during last May. He was a native of North Carolina, was educated at Wake Forest, and served churches in North Carolina and this State. For several years he was pastor at Marion court house, and at the time of his death was pastor of one of the mission churches in Columbia. A writer of an article in the North Geogia Baptist, who was converted under the preaching of Bro. Willoughby, said of him:

"He was gentle, meek, loving, and the word as he preached it was powerful. His work in North and South Carolina stands as a monument to him, for his success was marked. Now that he has fallen, God help us, and all of us, to take up the work he loved so well and carry it on. Our readers were not acquainted with him, but as you know us and have read our writings from week to week, let us say the man we now drop a tear for, and for whom we grieve, though knowing he is at home, and resting from the toils and cares of a life on earth, this man is the man whom God used to bring us to Himself. There is another jewel in heaven, another recruit is among the white-robed throng of blood-washed saints, and when the last day shall come and we all shall be gathered around our Master's throne, we expect to see him, and to hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

REV. BAXTER HAYS

Died in Anderson county June 13, 1898. Rev. M. McGee, who wrote a sketch of Bro. Hays for the S. C. Baptist, uses the following language concerning him:

"Bro. Hays was nearly seventy-four years old, and forty-five of these

years have been spent in the Christian ministry, he having been ordained at Cross Roads church in 1853. He was reared a poor country boy, but being ambitious to learn and having a wonderful mind—noted for its retentive powers—he secured a good academic education, so that with a mind trained to think, and having access to good libraries, and being encouraged by such men as Jacob and Bryant Burriss, A. Rice and others not of the ministry, it was found in his early life that that mind, so richly endowed, was well filled with useful knowledge, particularly with a knowledge of God's word and many theological works.

"He was strictly an old-time Baptist, clinging tenaciously to the word of truth, and expounding it in his preaching according to the old standards, in much simplicity. So that with joy we record the fact that his labors in the Lord were greatly blessed. None who have lived among us, more so. For he went from church to church (having served twenty or more) preaching the Word with power, and knowing it to be the 'Sword of the Spirit,' left it in the Spirit's hands to use according to his own will, knowing that he only could make it a 'discerner of the intents of the human heart.' Hence he was never known to try in private ways to talk people into religion, nor use any one of the modern means to reach results. And yet great results attended his ministry.

"He served the church at Mt. Bethel about thirty years consecutively, and it is not extravagant to say that his hold upon those people was as strong at the last as at the first, except it may be the two last years, after his mind had somewhat weakened from physical infirmities. At other places, I cannot name them all, his work was equally as greatly appreciated, and as abundantly blessed. So that I am safe in saying that he has witnessed the conversion of more souls in his ministry than ever falls to the lot of many.

"His was indeed a meek and quiet spirit. He bore in his body many of the marks of the Lord Jesus, because he had imbibed of his spirit."

REV. SHERMAN ALLEN COOK

Died Dec. 26, 1897. He was born and reared in Marion county, but after he became a man he moved to Horry county, where his ministry was spent. At the time of his death he was pastor of Bayboro, Pisgah, Maple, and Cedar Creek churches, all in Horry county. One who knew him well says concerning him:

"Bro. Cook in respect to religion might be said to be a genius; without studying theology, he was a theologian. His reasoning on the most abstruse questions of Bible doctrine was as near faultless as man can make it. It is wonderful what insight he had of Bible truths with his limited chance of study.

"The writer had the privilege of being his first and last instructor in the school room, and can truthfully say he was an exceptional boy. Always honest truthful, obedient, and studious; no teacher could find aught against him. As boy and man he always shunned the evil company where so many lives are wrecked. He was a kind and loving hus-

band, an affectionate and indulgent father, an accommodating, hospitable neighbor, a Christian gentleman, and, above all, a bold and fearless minister of the gospel of Christ.

May God and his holy angels rest and cheer his soul, while they watch over and protect his beloved and bereft ones.

REV. W. B. SINGLETON

Departed this life at his home in Pickens county, September 10, 1898. He was born in Rockingham county, N. C., but his parents moved to this State while he was yet a child. From an article in The Baptist Courier we take the following estimate of this brother:

"Bro. Singleton was a man of strong native intellect, well informed, of strong convictions, well balanced and blessed with good common sense. He was prudent, kindly of disposition, cheerful, with a good deal of humor, devout and spiritual. He had the confidence of all the people and was most highly esteemed as a citizen and universally loved as a minister. As a preacher he was above the average, largely a man of one book, and his preaching was largely Scriptural and experimental. He possessed a strong, iron constitution, and this enabled him to take long rides, enduring exposure to a remarkable degree. His influence extended over a large scope of country and few men in upper South Carolina reached, influenced and helped a larger number of people. For several years he was moderator at times of the Twelve Mile River and Piedmont Associations and served in that capacity with signal ability."

He did his work mostly in Pickens, Oconee, Anderson and Greenville counties.

REV. A. W. MOSELEY

Died July 14, 1898, in the seventieth year of his age. From an obituary notice of him prepared by J. H. Owens, we take the following estimate of this brother and his work:

"He joined the Aiken Baptist church in the year 1850, and was baptized by Rev. Frank Johnson. He entered the ministry in 1872. He had enjoyed very few educational advantages, attended the common country schools for a short time only, consequently his education was very limited, but hundreds testify today that he was instrumental in bringing them to Christ. God blessed his efforts wherever he labored. He supplied four churches in the Aiken and Edisto Associations for twenty-three years, until his health failed so that he hed to retire from active work in the ministry. During this time he baptized over one thousand souls, and, strange to say, he baptized his first and last convert at the same place. It may truly be said he was the father of four churches, Windsor, Clear Water, Good Hope and Oak Grove. These churches are living and prospering today. They stand as monuments to his faithfulness. 'He being dead yet speaketh.' While in the work he united more than two hundred couples in the bonds of matrimony and preached more than three hundred funerals. The last sermon was a funeral. He baptized a Jew while in the work. He always seemed to look back to that with a great deal of pleasure. He also preached the funeral of a

Catholic. I write these statements just as he gave them to me in his last illness, with a request that they be published after his death. It was my privilege to be Bro. Moseley's pastor for the last four years, and after he was unable to fill his own appointments his presence at church always helped and encouraged the pastor to preach. The writer, from a child, knew him and often heard him, in his simple, earnest way, tell the story of 'Jesus and his love.'"

REV. POSEY GUION HOPPER

Died July 4, 1898. He was born near the present town of Blacksburg, in what is now Cherokee county, April 3, 1864, united at an early age with Buffalo church, studied at Wake Forest College, where he supported himself by preaching, was ordained at Samaria church, near Wake Forest, May 20, 1888. He left college within two months of graduation, and came to South Carolina and taught school for some time in Lancaster county. He served Ft. Lawn and Harmony churches for some time. In 1896, he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1897, he became pastor of First Creek and Little River churches in the Saluda Association, where he was laboring when called to his reward. He died the Christian's death, exclaiming with his last breath, "Victory! victory!" His beloved wife preceded him to the better land only a few hours.

REV. R. B. PORTER

Died in Barnwell county, some time during the present year, being about thirty-seven years of age.

Bro. Porter was reared near the Edisto church, where he was buried, in Aiken county. He did not have the advantages of a collegiate education, but after he felt that he ought to preach, he tried to fit himself for his chosen work by attending the Williston school, then under the management of Prof. Bailey. While studying there he worked hard with his hands to support himself. He was ordained July, 1895. His ministry lasted about three years, when he was called to his reward. Those who knew him well had unquestioning faith in his religious character, and they felt when he died that a good man had left the earth. He leaves a wife, father and several brothers and sisters who mourn his departure.

REV. J. T. BRASINGTON.

Rev. J. T. Brasington died in October last, at Wadesboro, N. C. This brother was about sixty years of age, and was a son of a prominent minister in the Moriah Association of a half century ago. Bro. Brasington served churches in Lancaster and Kershaw counties for many years, and was highly esteemed by his brethren as a good and faithful servant of the Lord. He was a native of Lancaster county.

REV. J. V. KREPS.

This young brother died at Ridge Spring, July 12, 1898. He was reared in Aiken county, not far from Ridge Spring, and began preaching about eight years ago. He studied some time at Furman University, and after

his school days were over, taught school and preached near his old home in Aiken county. Rev. W. E. Thayer wrote of him, just after his death, as follows:

"About twelve days before he died he attended our church, and the writer preached the last sermon our brother heard. It was also my sad privilege to conduct the funeral services. He sleeps in the family plot at Mt. Pleasant.

"My acquaintance with our dear brother was brief, but in the short time I knew him I learned to love him. Accustomed to an active life, he found his forced idleness a burden. Yet he never complained. He exhibited a sweet spirit of resignation to the will of God, and an unswerving faith in his power and ability to save. Those who knew him well say he did a noble work among the churches which he served. He leaves a wife and little girl; also a father, brother, and sisters to mourn their loss."

REV. P. S. GREEN

Died suddenly at his home near Shell, S. C., Sept. 24, 1898, aged 57 years. He was ordained about seven years ago by the Mountain Cheek church, of which he had been a member for forty years.

REV. H. T. CRAPSE

Died in Hampton county in the latter part of October last. He was a good man, and a man of influence in his part of the State. He was a missionary of the State Board at the time of his death, and was about fifty years of age.

CHARLES JULIUS WOODRUFF

Died at Hartsville last Christmas day, aged 42 years. He was a man of phenomenal ability in his calling; and in his church he was one of the most efficient members we have ever seen. He was in all respects a remarkable man, and one whose place as citizen, friend and church-member can never be filled. Other good men may take up his work and render most admirable and effective service in the sphere he occupied, but take him all in all, we shall hardly look upon his like again. He was a most generous friend of the poor, and a most liberal contributor to all benevolent and religious enterprises. As a friend he was one of the most genial, faithful and delightful that those who were privileged to call him friend ever had.

DEACON JAMES E. CHILDRESS,

Of Locust, S. C., died Oct. 2, 1898, aged seventy-seven years. He was the senior deacon in Enoree church, North Greenville Association, and had been a tireless worker in the Sunday school and in the temperance cause. For fifty years he served his church as deacon, and the greater part of that time was the Superintendent of the Sunday school.

BRO. J. F. V. LEGG,

A prominent layman of the Chester Association, died during this year. He had been twice moderator of his Association, and for more than thirty years was a pillar in the Cool Branch church, of which he was a member.

Respectfully submitted. BY COMMITTEE.

Report on the Address on Mormonism.

Your committee appointed to consider the best means of the widest circulation of Dr. Osborn's address beg, leave to recommend that the Baptist State Convention request its publication in a tract by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and that Dr. T. M. Bailey procure a large supply from the said Board for gratuitous distribution in our State, and that Dr. W. C. Lindsay be requested to write a brief introduction to the tract.

We recommend, further, in view of the very great importance of the matter under consideration, seeing that a large number of Mormon missionaries are working in South Carolina, that our brethren of the Methodist Annual Conference, which will meet next week at Greenwood, be respectfully asked to invite Dr. Osborn to give his address before that body, if such request would be consistent with the business and interests of the Conference.

And we would suggest that one brother be appointed to communicate the above request to the Conference.

A. C. WILKINS.
R. W. SANDERS.
A. J. S. THOMAS.
O. L. MARTIN.
J. D. ROBERTSON

Report of Convention Treasurer.

C. H. JUDSON, Treasurer, in account with the South Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Oct. 4, 1897.	To cash collection for M. P. Hall.....		
	President Friendship Institution.....$	4 60	
	Col. for Orphan Aid Soc'y, Charleston.....	7 72	$12 32
Dec. 4, 1898.	Per Contra.		
	By paid J. D. Robertson.....$	4 60	
	By paid Rev. D. M. Ramsey.....	7 72	$12 32

Respectfully submitted. C. H. JUDSON, Treas. Convention.
Dec. 29, 1898.

Sunday Services.

First Baptist: Morning, E. C. Dargan; Evening, C. S. Gardner.

Second Baptist: Morning, E. S. Reaves; Evening, G. C. Bundick.

Presbyterian: Morning, D. M. Ramsey; Evening, O. L. Martin.

Methodist: Morning, T. P. Bell.

Macedonia Baptist (colored): Morning, C. C. Brown; Evening, W. J. Langston.

Methodist Episcopal (colored): Morning, A. J. S. Thomas; Evening, A. C. Wilkins.

African M. E.: Evening, L. M. Rice.

Society Hill: D. W. Key.

Florence: Morning, W. E. Thayer; Evening, G. A. Wright.

Ebenezer: W. P. Smith.

High Hill: J. F. Singleton.

Swift Creek: J. L. Vass.

Bishopville: J. B. Parrott.

Sumter: J. D. Huggins.

Charleston, Citadel Square: H. C. Buchholz.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED, 1897-1898.

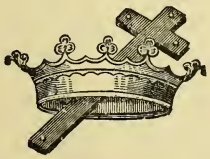
Mispah, Sumter County, December 26, 1897.
Pleasant Plain, Horry County, January 17.
Tuccapau, Spartanburg County, January 2.
Mountain View, Cherokee County, May 29.
Clifton No. 3, Spartanburg County, October 9.
Colston Branch, Bamberg County, October —.
Second Church, Darlington, November 6.
Bath, Aiken County, —— —.
Palmetto, Chesterfield County, —— —.
Providence, Chesterfield County, —— —

MINISTERS ORDAINED IN 1898

W. E. Wilkins, Manning, January 2.
J. E. Edwards, Chester, February —.
H. M. Fallaw, Sandy Run church, Lexington County, February 20.
J. E. Duren, First church, Columbia, February 20.
R. E. Small, Union church, Lancaster County, March 27.
A. J. Nielsen, Charleston, April 17.
Amos Clary, Corinth church, Cherokee County, July 31.
W. S. B. Ford, Mt. Zion church, Chester County, August 16.
M. J. Kyser, Oak Grove church, Lexington County, October 9.
P. S. Butler, Mt. Tabor church, Pickens County, October 22.
W. H. Cannada, Taylor's, Greenville County, November 6.
S. R. Bass, Langley. —— —.
C. C. Fricks, Central, —— —.
J. T. Dobson, Central, —— —.
I. G. Sanders, Zion church, Colleton County, November 24.
O. J. Copeland, First church, Anderson, December 18.

MEETING HOUSES DEDICATED, 1897–1898.

Walterboro, December 12.
Bath Aiken County, January 30.
Grace church, Orangeburg, February 13.
Second church, Gaffney, March 20.
Summerville, April 17.
Beaverdam, Anderson County, May 15.
Gaston, Lexington County, May 22.
Hickory Grove, York County, May 22.
Second church, Anderson, July 10.
Clover, York County, October 16.
White Oak, Greenville County, October 23.
Blackville, Barnwell County, November 20.
Arkwright Mills, Spartanburg County —— —
Red Dam, Beaufort County, —— —.
Indian Hill, Beaufort County, —— —.



MINISTERS DECEASED, 1897-1898.

W. J. Snider, Elloree, December 10, aged 66.

J H. Sullivan, Fort Madison, December 16, aged 63.

S. A. Cook, Horry County, December 26, aged 31.

B. W. Whilden, Charleston, January 19, aged 78.

John G. Williams, Allendale, April 22, aged 66.

M. J. Willoughby, Columbia, May 22, aged 45.

Baxter Hays, Anderson County, May 31, aged 74.

P. G. Hopper, Abbeville County, July 4, aged 34.

J. V. Kreps, Ridge Spring, July 12, aged —.

A. W. Moseley, Aiken County, July 14, aged 70.

W. B. Singleton, Pickens County, September 10, aged 78.

P. L. Green Greenville County, September 25, aged 57.

H. T. Crapse, Estill, October, —, aged —.

J. T. Brasington, Wadesboro, N. C., October —, aged 60.

J. B. Porter, Williston, October 28, aged 27.

Some Statistics of the Baptist Denomination in the United States.

[Taken from American Baptist Year Book for 1898, and other sources.]

Associations, 1,609; ordained ministers, 27,355; churches, 43 397; baptisms, 198,432; total membership, 4,055,806; value of church property, $89,857,207.

Reported contributions: Missions, $1,024,412.99; education, $108,205.54; salaries and expenses, $9,444,159.08; miscellaneous, $1,459,537.71; aggregate, $12,195,690.30.

Sunday schools, 22,529; officers and teachers, 172,082; pupils, 1,628,971; Baptist charitable institutions, 34; value of property, $1,626,121.

Baptist educational institutions: Theological Seminaries, 7; instructors, 67; ministerial students, 1,040; total property, $5,059.053; universities and colleges, 94; instructors, 1,594; students, 22,460; property, $33,602,654; academies, seminaries and institutes, 77; instructors, 554; students, 10,059; property, $4,922,996; institutions for Negroes and Indians included in above, 37.

Baptist periodicals published, 123; of which 73 are weekly.

The American Baptist Missionary Union has 455 missionaries in foreign lands; 3,918 native helpers; stations and outstations, 1,425; communicants, 120,237; additions in '97-'98, 7,750; income, $782,474.

In 1898, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reported 73 missionaries, 117 native helpers, 102 churches, with 4,670 members, 92 outstations, 701 baptisms, 41 day schools, with 1,111 pupils, and 1,624 Sunday school pupils; contributions to the Board, $124 249, giving an average of eight cents per member.

In 1898, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reported 467 missionaries, 1,960 churches and stations, 4,739 baptisms, 103 churches constituted; 45 houses of worship built and 68 improved; 297 Sunday schools organized. Contributions to the Board $54,251, with $56 385 for building.

In 1897-8, the Woman's Mission Societies of the Southern Baptist Convention raised $21.633 for Foreign Missions; for Home Missions, $35,636, of which $11,283 was cash, and the balance in boxes. The Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies in South Carolina reports for 1898 $4,401 from Woman's Mission Societies, $445 from bands and Sunday schools. Societies reported 209; bands, 59.

The Baptist Young People's Union of America makes no report of membership. E. E. Chivers, D. D., Chicago, is Secretary. The B. Y. P. U. of South Carolina reports 42 Unions. A. T. Jamison, Camden, is President; C. J. Owens, Orangeburg, Secretary.

BAPTISTS IN THE WORLD, 1897.

Ordained ministers, 32,052; churches, 50,222; baptisms, 236,334; membership, 4,799,124; which is 225,860 more than reported last year.

GENERAL CHURCH STATISTICS, 1898.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Ordained Ministers.	Churches.	Increase. By Baptism.	Increase. By Letter.	Increase. By Restoration.	Decrease. By Letter.	Decrease. By Exclusion.	Decrease. By Death.	Total Membership.	CONTRIBUTIONS. State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Miscellaneous.	Aggregate.	Value of Church Property.
Abbeville	13	22	72	82	3	82	15	18	1,955	$ 332 42	$ 160 11	$ 448 63	$ 169 72	$ 135 40	$ 84 26	$8.244 38	$ 9,574 93	$ 45.500
Aiken	11	29	57	55	13	59	39	16	2,734	100 93	107 49	170 89	215 00	175 76	42 02	3,279 45	4.091 54	24,600
Barnwell	12	38	189	102	29	115	69	39	4,506	205 82	120 87	325 65	86 45	135 21	74 79	683 39	1.632 18	29,650
Beaverdam	15	36	207	149	23	211	37	26	2,730	170 26	68 26	151 05	5 75	32 89	66 53	2,377 43	2,872 17	17,405
Broad River	16	35	294	270	19	261	86	66	5,326	126 51	50 12	140 85	7 74	80 04	41 45	4.802 37	5,249 80	25,550
Charleston	18	30	134	82	7	73	35	28	2,638	424 69	402 30	498 24	254 74	154 18	185 22	12,651 17	14.570 54	136,850
Chester	9	14	51	20	3	49	22	22	1 625	208 09	3.6 95	341 13	98 08	171 64	63 61	4,395 00	5,604 50	32.050
Chesterfield	8	23	..	..	...	..	..	..	1,780	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,000
Colleton	9	21	86	20	2	28	20	15	2,113	71 09	17 69	27 80	41 72	25 37	12 28	1.350 64	1,546 59	9,100
Dorchester	7	9	13	13	3	13	..	8	374	....	1 00	1 80	....	....	....	....	2 80	2,135
Edgefield	5	18	118	41	12	53	6	28	2,096	201 85	111 15	177 50	26 62	149 06	70 67	3,780 95	4,517 80	29,875
Edisto	4	14	66	35	3	64	8	16	1,670	209 97	25 78	61 65	2 45	75 95	16 25	1,841 14	2,233 19	9,225
Fairfield	9	28	102	72	11	40	7	11	1.395	190 46	46 03	143 70	38 85	68 47	71 43	157 81	716 75	49,175
Florence	8	14	32	48	7	24	16	10	1,605	196 05	136 92	239 58	28 52	94 17	65 52	2,678 88	3,439 64	23,400
Greenville	21	30	222	312	16	297	82	52	5,178	712 67	469 46	654 28	135 59	205 71	53 43	11,572 92	13,804 06	60.385
Lake Swamp	3	6	15	14	1	11	5	2	392	1 00	4 72	....	....	....	....	....	5 72	1.226
Laurens	11	25	129	97	11	124	20	32	3,043	383 27	204 08	323 97	35 21	257 58	86 36	6,270 51	7,560 98	37.200
Lexington	9	22	75	37	2	29	36	10	1,434	31 81	2 02	17 06	...	5 35	15 56	895 77	967 57	12,900
Moriah	7	28	151	151	62	93	60	30	3.317	134 86	54 43	136 82	13 81	48 75	47 25	4,795 80	5,231 72	16.175
North Greenville	27	31	252	111	24	157	39	47	4,058	77 31	57 28	57 94	8 13	35 63	18 55	1,946 59	2,201 43	14,845
Orangeburg	17	31	100	97	28	69	15	27	3,063	198 21	62 02	130 53	195 40	105 27	59 20	7,281 20	8,031 83	60,450
Pee Dee	15	36	106	84	14	53	60	28	3,759	180 02	280 10	265 40	301 03	109 83	86 35	8,856 58	10,079 31	55,706
Piedmont	11	21	136	113	11	90	19	26	2,155	42 71	29 71	31 82	31 04	41 64	38 19	1,168 51	1,383 62	11.510
Reedy River	8	14	26	29	1	26	5	8	1,308	193 49	165 67	226 47	61 94	216 38	38 13	2,937 84	3,839 92	18,770
Ridge	14	20	197	81	13	90	11	20	2,913	347 13	229 56	345 55	60 00	204 51	120 10	5,740 32	7,047 17	32,900
Saluda	19	37	259	207	51	284	71	59	5,773	905 10	650 28	1,368 84	228 87	867 39	171 75	13,406 25	17,599 48	61,975
Santee	15	29	150	73	20	125	21	25	2,909	307 08	262 50	805 82	234 14	584 05	182 10	7,571 17	9,836 86	38.625
Savannah River	9	42	47	26	2	39	11	20	2,574	208 43	71 48	277 83	16 35	126 11	52 44	2,520 78	3,273 42	37,100
Southeast	10	32	38	12	8	29	7	16	1,921	55 73	13 02	11 70	2 00	26 68	2 45	17 01	128 59	14.285
Spartanburg	24	43	414	317	31	318	80	78	6,797	579 69	403 59	1,244 68	447 56	638 14	111 64	13,650 58	17,075 88	61,255
Twelve Mile River	31	35	120	108	9	61	19	23	2,647	38 58	9 00	7 05	....	8 55	8 75	808 05	879 98	8,500
Union County	6	20	72	44	3	44	8	21	1.714	64 10	22 33	70 01	11 50	145 06	14 88	3.541 52	3.869 40	17,950
Waccamaw	20	43	67	44	33	33	43	18	2.524	....	25 11	6 40	....	24 25	....	830 07	885 83	10.300
Welsh Neck	10	21	76	104	21	95	17	24	2,647	467 00	342 30	579 73	337 50	229 00	105 70	7,023 69	9,084 92	45,000
York	4	13	112	57	7	63	20	14	1.569	146 32	114 61	214 13	61 54	54 47	38 89	4,964 63	5,594 59	24,150
Totals	435	910	4.185	3,107	503	3,202	1,009	883	94,236	$7,603 65	$5,047 94	$9,504 50	$ 3,157 25	$ 5,032 49	$2,045 75	$152,042 41	$184,433 99	$1.081,702

NOTE.—Imperfect reports and the difficulty in obtaining associational minutes, will account for several unfilled places, as well as for number s which are evidently below what they ought to be. Deficiencies have been supplied wherever possible.

BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, 1897-8.

NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENT.	Organized.	Instructors.	Students.	Property.
Furman University	Greenville	A. P. Montague	1851	11	168	$161,000
Greenville Female College	Greenville	M. M. Riley	1854	15	207	25,000
Limestone College	Gaffney	J. R. Mack	1845	6	100	25,000
Orangeburg Collegiate Institute	Orangeburg	C. J. Owens	....	9	102	15,000
Welsh Neck High School	Hartsville	J. W. Gaines	1894	5	143	15,000

STATISTICS OF WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETIES, 1898.

ASSOCIATIONS.	VICE PRESIDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Number of Societies.	Membership.	CONTRIBUTIONS. State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Home Expenses.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Abbeville	Miss Annie L. Cothran, Greenwood	14	284	$ 38 49	$ 59 85	$ 265 58	$....	$....	$....	$.....	$187 10	$ 551 02
Aiken		1	..	3 12	3 13	22 50	....	....	....	....	....	28 75
Barnwell		7	128	24 62	36 92	70 97	....	....	....	....	....	132 51
Beaverdam	Mrs. J. M. McGuire, Tugaloo	5	82	21 76	85	7 76	....	....	....	....	....	30 37
Broad River	Miss M. Bates	6	100	23 00	20 89	68 05	....	....	....	....	2 00	113 94
Charleston		9	136	59 15	127 91	175 04	40 00	....	3 00	520 55	....	925 65
Chester	Mrs. J. G. White, Chester	6	137	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	200 53	200 53
Chesterfield		..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Colleton	Mrs. B. G. Price, Walterboro	8	93	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Dorchester		..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Edgefield	Mrs. M. B. Morgan, Parksville	8	142	16 50	8 75	20 80	....	....	....	....	95 32	141 37
Edisto		1	..	8 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8 00
Fairfield		7	96	32 80	3 80	39 06	....	....	....	....	....	75 66
Florence	Mrs. J. H. Brunson, Florence	2	80	3 93	64 76	48 89	....	....	....	....	....	117 58
Greenville		10	222	135 79	209 02	275 05	....	22 27	2 00	7 25	....	651 38
Lake Swamp		..	..	....	2 72	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 72
Laurens	Mrs. Joe Watts, Laurens	13	297	47 55	54 20	115 47	....	....	....	....	32 30	249 52
Lexington		..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Moriah	Mrs. J. H. Boldridge, Lancaster	4	70	6 35	2 33	4 75	....	....	....	....	....	13 43
North Greenville	Miss Lizzie Earle, Gowensville	1	18	....	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	50
Orangeburg		10	150	14 15	9 45	54 18	....	....	12 30	....	....	90 08
Pee Dee		8	108	13 26	141 02	58 16	....	....	....	....	....	212 44
Piedmont	Miss Emmie Allgood, Equality	4	68	2 00	9 45	....	....	....	....	....	48 55	60 00
Reedy River		5	50	17 72	116 15	160 35	....	....	....	....	27 00	321 22
Ridge	Miss Chloe Nicholson, Ridge Spring	11	88	82 58	102 02	160 73	....	73 05	13 30	....	....	431 68
Saluda	Mrs. O. K. Breazeale, Belton	23	521	67 83	163 57	328 85	5 00	129 02	20 64	....	113 26	828 17
Santee	Mrs. A. T. Jamison, Camden	13	217	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Savannah River	Mrs. F. Jones, Ellenton	8	138	15 00	8 55	101 73	....	89 00	5 00	....	....	219 28
Southeast		5	123	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Spartanburg	Miss L. C. Budd, Gaffney	12	240	36 38	87 36	128 58	....	....	....	....	....	252 32
Twelve Mile River		..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Union County		..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Waccamaw		..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Welsh Neck	Mrs. C. L. Dowell, Society Hill	14	250	56 19	74 97	301 53	....	....	....	....	....	432 69
York		9	93	37 55	19 04	79 10	....	....	....	....	....	135 69
Totals		224	3,941	$763 72	$1,327 21	$[illegible]	$45 00	$313 34	$56 24	$527 80	$706 06	$6,226 50

STATISTICS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS, 1898.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	CONTRIBUTIONS. State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Home Expenses.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Abbeville	21	162	1075	$ 33 29	$ 2 56	$ 28 88	$	$ 157 42	$	$	$ 33 32	$ 255 47
Aiken	18	147	1332	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Barnwell	18	132	897	19 61	16 80	25 55	....	25 88	....	....	....	87 84
Beaverdam	30	300	1493	29 78	21 83	22 15	....	16 50	....	....	....	90 26
Broad River	23	157	1763	6 50	....	6 00	....	15 25	....	....	38 93	66 68
Charleston	21	224	1348	17 29	16 70	42 83	....	....	8 13	12 37	4 50	101 82
Chester	14	84	565	....	....	....	....	....	....	51 91	....	51 91
Chesterfield	12	71	602	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Colleton	17	85	674	....	....	33 76	....	....	....	119 87	....	153 63
Dorchester	3	20	99	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Edgefield	27	111	963	17 24	27 28	13 23	....	66 07	....	85 35	....	209 17
Edisto	15	76	695	5 23	7 50	7 50	....	2 00	....	....	....	22 23
Fairfield	16	99	898	11 75	31 37	11 52	....	16 96	....	....	....	71 60
Florence	8	78	654	24 94	20 67	22 96	....	18 50	34 36	11 17	5 88	138 48
Greenville	31	243	2495	81 45	34 84	36 85	....	112 73	....	....	....	265 87
Lake Swamp	6	32	225	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Laurens	22	151	1210	27 50	20 29	25 35	....	55 09	....	....	....	128 23
Lexington	16	75	529	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Moriah	19	171	1971	5 75	8 50	44 58	....	15 24	....	....	....	74 07
North Greenville	25	198	1823	24 73	33 55	33 48	....	10 78	4 46	....	....	107 00
Orangeburg	26	215	1696	4 43	13 68	1 60	1 05	34 00	16 63	54 47	....	125 86
Pee Dee	23	178	1308	13 31	4 88	28 25	....	16 60	....	....	....	63 04
Piedmont	12	92	655	1 00	....	3 00	....	10 72	....	....	....	14 72
Reedy River	8	60	540	....	....	....	....	108 58	....	....	....	108 58
Ridge	19	150	1300	27 74	12 92	13 42	....	84 44	....	96 31	....	234 83
Saluda	40	335	2813	239 07	158 61	228 60	....	266 17	19 86	185 94	....	1.98 25
Santee	21	160	1134	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Savannah River	17	107	634	....	5 00	5 00	....	....	....	....	....	10 00
Southeast	25	156	2068	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Spartanburg	43	310	3069	53 35	41 95	51 20	....	286 87	....	....	....	433 37
Twelve Mile River	18	118	1069	....	....	....	....	....	....	.. ..	24 20	24 20
Union County	17	95	617	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Waccamaw	11	60	707	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Welsh Neck	18	140	1150	89 23	63 00	130 74	....	155 23	....	....	....	438 20
York	10	82	791	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	670	4884	40862	$ 733 19	$ 541 93	$ 816 45	$ 1 05	$1475 03	$83 44	$ 617 39	$ 106 83	$4375 31

CALENDAR OF ASSOCIATIONS, 1899.

	ASSOCIATIONS.	MODERATOR AND HIS POST-OFFICE.	CLERK AND HIS POSTOFFICE.	PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.
1	Abbeville	E. J. Forrester, Greenwood	W. E. Cothran, Greenwood	Horeb, Greenwood county, Tuesday, Aug. 29.
2	Aiken	J. C. Browne, Aiken	W. H. Kneece, Aiken	Levels, Aiken county, Tuesday, Oct. 3.
3	Barnwell	W. D. Rice, Denmark	W. D. McMillan, Blackville	St. John's, Bamberg county, Thursday, Oct. 19.
4	Beaverdam	W. W. Leathers, Tugaloo	M. C. Barton, Fair Play	Fant's Grove, Anderson county, Tuesday, Aug. 8.
5	Broad River	J. D. Bailey, Cowpens	S. M. Bagwell, Glendale	Draytonville, Cherokee county, Thursday Aug 24.
6	Charleston	Simeon Hyde, Charleston	W. G. Wells, Tindal	St. Stephens, Berkeley county, Tuesday, Oct 31.
7	Chester	J. M. Hough, Landsford	A. P. McNeill, Lando	Beaver Creek, Chester county, Thursday, Nov. 2.
8	Chesterfield			Thursday, Oct. 19.
9	Colleton	J. T. Hiers, Round	J. S. Griffin, Walterboro	Walterboro, Colleton county, Friday, Oct. 20.
10	Dorchester	F. M. Droze, Summerville	G. W. Dalton, Summerville	Thursday, Nov. 9.
11	Edgefield	O. Sheppard, Edgefield	S. E. Freeland, Plum Branch	Berea, Edgefield county, Wednesday, Sept. 6.
12	Edisto	H. L. Baggott, Wagener	J. C. Courtney, Kitching's Mill	Perry, Aiken county, Friday, Sept. 29.
13	Fairfield	H. K. Ezell, Winnsboro	T. J. Rabb, Long Run	Second church, Columbia, Thursday, Oct. 5.
14	Florence	J. E. Pettigrew, Florence	H. E. C. Fountain, Cartersville	Beulah, Florence county, time to be fixed by Ex Com.
15	Greenville	D. T. Smith, Greenville	S. R. Mellichamp, Greenville	Pleasant Grove, Greenville county, Tuesday, Aug 15.
16	Lake Swamp	D. H. Jordan, Cool Spring	T. M. Lundy, Jordanville	Antioch, Horry county, Friday, Nov. 10.
17	Laurens	G. W. Shell, Laurens	J. B. Parrott, Clinton	Harmony, Laurens county, Tuesday, Sept. 26.
18	Lexington	Evans Hall, Samaria	D. J. Knotts, Swansea	Harmony, Lexington county, Friday, Oct. 6.
19	Moriah	J. S. Croxton, Heath Springs	D. A. Williams, Lancaster	Taxahaw, Lancaster county, Thursday, Oct. 12.
20	North Greenville	Zerah Hammett, Chick Springs	J. T. Henerey, Ansel	Fairview Greenville county, Thursday Aug. 17.
21	Orangeburg	E. A. Laird, Advance	W. R. Lowman, Orangeburg	Norway, Orangeburg county, Thursday, Oct. 12.
22	Pee Dee	J. H. Hudson, Bennettsville	J. L. Dew, Latta	Latta, Marion county, Wednesday, Nov. 8.
23	Piedmont	A. W. Hudgens, Easley	J. Jameson, Guyton	Mt. Airy, Anderson county, Wednesday, Aug. 2.
24	Reedy River	M. W. Rankin, Longshore	J. W. Blanton, Prosperity	Hurricane, Newberry county, Thursday, Sept. 14.
25	Ridge	E. C. Ridgell, Batesburg	G. P. White, Johnston	Philippi, Edgefield county, Tuesday, Sept. 12.
26	Saluda	M. McGee, Honea Path	J. A. Robinson, Due West	New Prospect, Anderson county, Tuesday, Aug. 1.
27	Santee	T. V. Walsh, Sumter	C. C. Brown, Sumter	Flint Hill, Kershaw Co., time to be fixed by Ex. Com.
28	Savannah River	J. T. Morrison, Peeples	J. A. Mason, Beech Island	Mt Olive, Hampton county, Friday, Nov. 17.
29	Southeast	J. E. Brunson, Kingstree	A. E. C. Pittman, Lake City	Lake City, Wilm'sb'g Co., time to be fixed by Ex.Com
30	Spartanburg	L. C. Ezell, Woodruff	A. B. Stallworth, Woodruff	Campobello, Spartanburg county, Tuesday, Aug. 22.
31	Twelve Mile River	W. C. Seaborn, Prater	C. E. Robinson, Pickens	Pickens, Pickens county, Thursday, Oct. 5.
32	Union County	J. W. Sanders, Sedalia	W. B. Crosby, Meador	Lower Fair Forest, Union county, Thur., Aug. 31.
33	Waccamaw	H. M. Anderson, Finklea	J. L. Boyd, Michael	Tilly Swamp, Horry county, Thursday, Nov. 16.
34	Welsh Neck	R. W. Lide, Darlington	C. L. Dowell, Society Hill	Mt. Elon, Darlington county, Tuesday, Nov. 7.
35	York	H. E. Johnson, Bethel	W. J. Waters, Yorkville	Catawba, York county, Thursday, Oct. 12.

MINISTERS' NAMES AND POST OFFICES.

Abbott, W. W., Seneca.
Abbott, Wilborn T., Seneca.
Ackerman, S. W., Round.
Ackerman, L. B., Cottageville.
Aiken, J. R., Fair Forest.
Alexander, M.P., Cashers Valley, NC
Allen, J. M., Wares.
Allen, Joel I., Dillon.
Allen, H. M., Central.
Amaker, A. A., Knott's Mill.
Anderson, W. L., Middle Saluda.
Askew, G. N., Blackville.
Atkinson, J. W., Spear.
Atkinson, S., Six Mile.
Atkinson, B. C., Central.
Atkinson, W., Columbia.
Ayers, J. H., Greenville.
Ayres, J. I., Ebenezer.
Avant, John, Marion.
Avery, C. B., Lewiedale.

Baggott, H. L., Saluda.
Bailey, J. D., Cowpens.
Bailey, J. E., Tigerville.
Bailey, T. M., Greenville.
Baldwin, D. H., Donalds.
Ballard, B. E., Greenville.
Barnes, J. E., Jeffrey's Creek.
Barnett, J. L., Enoree.
Barton, O. C., Gowensville.
Bateman, J. J., Hartsville.
Baynard, C. A., Jackson Station.
Bass, S. R., Turner.
Beck, J. J., Anderson.
Bethea, H. C., Hagood.
Billings, C. M., Timmonsville.
Bishop, S., Elloree.
Bishop, J. W., Johnston.
Blackmon, R. J., Spartanburg.
Blanton, J. H., Powellville.
Blanton, J. W., Prosperity.
Blalock, P. P., Edgefield.

Boldridge, J. H., Lancaster.
Bolen, J. P., Springfield.
Bomar, E. E., Aiken.
Bonner, A. J., Dexter.
Bostick, J. M., Bamberg.
Bowers, A. D., Highland.
Bozeman, J. B., Walterboro.
Bradford, C. G., Johnston.
Bridges, J. M., Gaffney.
Britton, W. G., Barnwell.
Brown, C. C., Sumter.
Brown, E. Z., Anderson.
Brown, J. A., Due West.
Brown, Wm., Anderson.
Brown, W. L., Troy.
Brown, N. A., Conway.
Browne, J. C., Aiken.
Bryant, S. A., Talley.
Buchholz, H. C., Chester.
Buist, A., Blackville.
Bundick, Geo. C., Beaufort.
Burton, N. N., McColl.
Burton, G. H., Longmires'.
Burts, C. E., Louisville, Ky.
Burts, R W., Honea Path.
Bussey, G. W., Pelzer.
Butts, J. W., Fountain Inn.
Buyck, A. S., Latta.

Cains, J. T., Board Landing.
Cains, S. J., Daisy.
Cains, W. R., Finklea.
Campbell, C. W., Pelzer.
Campbell, T. J., Gaffney.
Cantley, J. C., Summerville.
Carnes, S. C., Taxahaw.
Carson, J. A., Saluda.
Carter, A. W., Leon.
Carter, J. G., Gaffney.
Carroll, L. T., Columbia.
Case, C. C., Neely.
Catoe, S. I., Mt. Croghan.

Chambers, S. A., Gaffney.
Chaplin, W. F., Cordova.
Cheatham, B. M., Abbeville.
Chestnut, R. B., Broadlanding.
Chisolm, S. P., Varnville.
Cole, F. M., Fair Play.
Collie, J. B., Talley.
Connors, M. A., Summerton.
Conoly, J. M., Wanamaker.
Cooner, N. G., Batesburg.
Cooper, H. W., Sally.
Cooper, J. A., Ekom.
Cooper, S. A., Louisville, Ky.
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Baptist Ministers' Conference of South Carolina.

TWELFTH YEAR.

The Conference met in the Baptist church at Darlington, Tuesday evening, Nov. 29th, 1898.

Devotional exercises were led by R. W. Lide.

Sermon on "The Mormon Doctrine Concerning God and Heaven," by A. C. Osborn.

The Conference was organized by the election of J. S. Croxton, President, and J. A. Brown, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. D. Pitts.

1. "The Preacher's Dependence upon the Holy Spirit." Discussed by H. C. Buchholz, followed by J. D. Huggins.

2. "The Preacher and Politics; The Preacher and Money; The Preacher and Society"—O. L. Martin, followed by A. C. Wilkins, C. S. Gardner, D. M. Ramsey, W. T. Derieux, R. W. Sanders and A. C. Osborn.

3. "The Factory Problem"—A. C. Osborn, T. M. Bailey, J. D. Pitts, D. M. Ramsey, J. D. Robertson, C. S. Gardner, O. L. Martin.

4. "The Settlement of Pastors"—V. I. Masters.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by J. B. Parrott. Some Problems for the Preacher were discussed as follows:

1. "Church Finances"—W. S. Dorset.
2. "The Deacons"—G. C. Bundick.
3. "Church Music"—J. D. Robertson.
4. "Pastoral Work"—T. H. Plemmons.

The following committee was appointed on Program for next year: A. T. Jamison, W. E. Thayer, H. C. Buchholz, J. D. Pitts, J. I. Ayres.

The following were appointed a committee to arrange for the publication of A. C. Osborn's sermon on Mormonism: A. C. Wilkins, A. J. S. Thomas, O. L. Martin, J. D. Robertson, R. W. Sanders.

Adjourned with prayer to meet next year.

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